

Boschkloof

2023

'EPILOGUE'

Syrah | *Stellenbosch - South Africa*

ORGANIC VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Syrah – clone SH99
Vineyard: Boschkloof Estate
Vine Age: 28-years-old
Soil Type: Decomposed granite over ironstone
Viticulture: Practicing organic
Fermentation: Native – open-top stainless-steel tank (60% whole-cluster, 40% de-stemmed)
Skin Contact: 12 days
Aging: 14 months (60% concrete - 40% new French 400L puncheons)
Alcohol: 13.8%
pH: 3.51
Total Acidity: 5 g/L
Total SO2: 71 ppm
Total Production: 417 cases
UPC: 6008409000144

Reviews

The WineMag | 96 points
Tim Atkin, MW | 99 points
Vinous | 95 points

About

Boschkloof 'Epilogue' Syrah is widely considered to be one of South Africa's best red wines. In 2021, it was the only wine to earn 100 points in the 2023 Tim Atkin, MW South Africa Special Report. The 'Epilogue' block was planted in 1996 by Jacques Borman following his tremendous success at La Motte in the 1980s and early 1990s. The early results were impressive, but Reenen has really taken this wine to another level. The Borman's flagship wine was going to be 'Conclusion', the Bordeaux-style blend, but Reenen felt Syrah was the grape that the family grew best and thought this was the next chapter, or epilogue. It was a vineyard that always asked for a little less in every area: less ripeness, less oak, less extraction, etc. The results are nearly unparalleled. This is some of the best wine you will find in the Cape, hands down, and really helps to explain why Boschkloof was named a First Growth producer by Tim Atkin.

The grapes were hand-harvested with 60% being left intact and 40% de-stemmed for fermentation. The grapes, both those de-stemmed and whole-cluster, were pressed to open top tanks. Fermentation occurred spontaneously. Post-fermentation, 60% of the lot was matured in concrete tanks and the remainder was sent to new 400L French oak barrels for 14 months. The wine aged on the fine lees with one small sulfur addition in the winter and was bottled without fining and just a light sheet filtration.

Tasting Note

Dark and intense, this Syrah layers violets, blackberry, and subtle wood. The palate unfolds with savory olive, sweet licorice, and black pepper spice, all wrapped in power and finesse. Age-worthy brilliance.