



Van Loggerenberg Wines

2021

'BRETON'

Cabernet Franc | *Stellenbosch - South Africa*



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard: 70% Klein Welmoed - 30% Bluegum Grove

Vine Age: 17-years-old (Bluegum Grove) - 13-years-old (Klein Welmoed)

Soil Type: Decomposed granite with ferrocrete in top soil

Viticulture: Sustainable - practicing organic

Fermentation: Native – open-top stainless-steel (Bluegum Grove 100% whole bunch - Kleinwelmoed 100% destemmed)

Skin Contact: 2 weeks (whole-cluster portion) - 4 weeks (destemmed portion)

Aging: 10 months in old 500L French oak

Alcohol: 13.1%

pH: 3.62

Total Acidity: 5.2 g/L

Total SO₂: 60 ppm

Total Production: 375 cases

UPC: 0700083594266

Reviews

The WineMag | 95 points

Tim Atkin, MW | 96 points

About

The name 'Breton' is from the old French name in the Loire Valley for Cabernet Franc. Lukas and Roxanne chose this name as it was while on a trip to the Loire that they decided to create Van Loggerenberg Wines. The silhouette of the woman symbolizes the elegance of Cabernet Franc and is emphasized again by the Percheron horse. This breed is always perceived as this rough brute of a horse but Lukas finds elegance in its sturdiness, which is quite similar to Cabernet Franc. The bluegum tree represents the original block of the Carinus' 'Bluegum Grove Vineyard', which was the first vineyard Lukas sourced and continues as a core of the wine today. In order to grow the production, Lukas poked around for additional Cabernet Franc in the Polkadraai and got the 'in' for the Klein Welmoed vineyard on the southern reaches of the Polkadraai. The resulting wine is unequivocally one of the great examples of this historically maligned, but very much in fashion now, varietal Cabernet Franc anywhere in the new world (or world for that matter).

The Klein Welmoed vineyard was 100% de-stemmed, while the Bluegum Grove portion was fermented 100% whole cluster in stainless steel tanks. One afternoon punchdown was the only method of extraction and this was done over the course of two weeks for the whole cluster portion and an additional two weeks beyond that for the de-stemmed lot, adding resulting depth to the mid-palate. The lots were then pressed directly to older French oak demi-muids where malolactic fermentation occurred naturally. After ten months of aging the barrels were blended and immediately bottled without fining or filtration.

Tasting Note

Violet in color. Aromas of blackberries and plums with the classic Cabernet Franc herbaceous note in addition to aromas of cedar with ethereal violets. The palate is medium-bodied with gripping tannins and is a bit shy initially, but comes around with plushness and spicy notes. The palate is lengthy and drying yet there is an intensity of fruit that persists.