

Trizanne Signature Wines

2020

'TSW'

Syrah | Swartland - South Africa



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Syrah

Vineyard: 2 blocks of Leeuwenkuil Vineyards

Vine Age: 15-25-years-old

Soil Type: Schist and shale

Viticulture: Sustainable – dry farmed

Fermentation: Native – open top stainless steel (100% destemmed)

Skin Contact: 4 weeks

Aging: 12 months in 500L French puncheons

Alcohol: 13.1%

pH: 3.61

Total Acidity: 5.3 g/L

Total SO2: 69 ppm

Total Production: 500 cases

UPC: 6009900041599

Reviews

The WineMag | 91 points

About

When Trizanne left the nest of Klein Constantia's Anwilka in 2008 to pursue her eponymous brand, she was speaking with a good friend from college Chris Mullineux. They had formed a tasting group while studying at Stellenbosch University and remained friends to this day. Chris helped Trizanne secure some serious Swartland Syrah and this was the first wine that she made in the inaugural 2009 vintage. Chris worked with this site a few years earlier and introduced Trizanne to the Leeuwenkuil Vineyard, which is located in the very southern portion of the Swartland. One of the blocks is on a heavy shale subsoil and the other on quite friable hillside schist.

The fruit was handpicked from the middle to end of February and the bins were brought to the winery undergoing an overnight cold soak. The fruit was entirely destemmed and the berries split, but not crushed and it fermented naturally in open top tanks, layered with a bit of dry ice for a very cool ferment. After the ferment started it received 3-4 punch downs per day, finishing after 10 days. It was then left on the skins for an additional three weeks.

Tasting Note

Wonderfully perfumed, touches of violets, with fresh fruits of cherry, blackberry and cranberry. Medium-bodied on the palate with primary fruit expression beautifully balanced by fine tannin and subtle acid giving freshness. Some earthy, spicy notes give texture and depth to the palate and provide a savory and satisfying finish.