



SYRAH 2019

VINEYARDS

Syrah from an 18 and 10-year-old vineyard in Firgrove, Stellenbosch planted on decomposed granite soils. Located between Somerset West and Stellenbosch, Firgrove's terroir is defined by its proximity to the Atlantic and its ancient geological history. Just 6km from False Bay, the vineyards benefit from cooling ocean breezes and winds that naturally limit vine vigour, leading to small, concentrated berries with deep flavour. The unique soil structure consists of a well-drained granite gravel top layer over a porous "coffeestone" (laterite) middle. Beneath this lies saprolite (decomposed granite), which acts as a "water bank," allowing roots to dig deep for moisture and nutrients during the dry season. This combination ensures slow ripening and produces wines with excellent structure.

VINTAGE 2019

The 2019 harvest for Syrah in the Firgrove Stellenbosch was characterized by high-quality, concentrated fruit, despite a significantly smaller crop due to the lingering after-effects of the Western Cape's three-year drought.

The 2019 vintage for Firgrove Syrah produced wines that are aromatic and elegant, showing great varietal expression despite the smaller, challenging harvest.

FERMENTATION & MATURATION

Fermented in open top oak fermenters with 2 - 3 pump overs or punch downs per day. Matured in 1st (35%), 2nd (35 %) and 3rd fill (30 %) 300 li and 500 li French oak barrels for 18 months.

TASTING NOTE

A cool climate Stellenbosch Syrah showcasing Syrah's restrained power, finesse and elegance. The nose is alluring perfumed, showing vibrant aromatics of dark-toned fruit with interwoven cocoa, cassis, salty liquorice, pepper spice and fynbos. Deeply complex, the palate delivers an elegant yet textured mouthfeel with a silky smooth and polished finish.

2019 Syrah from this area is aromatic and elegant, structured, well-balanced, showing good natural acidity and freshness.

ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.29 % | RS: 3.0 g/l | TA: 5.9 g/l | pH: 3.48 | VA: 0.64

AWARDS

Platter 4.5 stars (94 points)

