

The Fledge & Company

Hoeksteen 2014

Steen / Chenin blanc – 100%

Old bush vine, Stellenbosch



Philosophy –

To express the unique old bush vines, the location & vintage while crafting a Steen which can improve with time in bottle – to this end we prefer to askew the use of oak, undergo extended cold ferments, mature *sur lie* (on the lees), bottle unfinned & unfiltered.

Vineyard –

Low yielding bush vines planted 4.5km from False Bay in 1980 & 1981 respectively, in a combination of poor ferricrete rich duplex & decomposed granite soils. Hand harvested at dawn from 20 different sections of the two sites in the first week of February & transported to the cellar. This vintage was highlighted by great variance in fruit ripeness from just ripe to slightly botrytised fruit with the majority perfectly golden green & pristine.

Vinification –

Crushed directly into our small pneumatic press & allowed a few hours skin contact

prior to gentle pressing, thereafter the juice was settled overnight prior to racking with a fair share of fine lees, inoculated & allowed a 3 ½ week cold ferment in stainless steel. Post-fermentation the wine was racked with a portion of fine lees to a small 2750l tank & left undisturbed for 13 months prior to bottling unfinned & unfiltered under screw cap to preserve the essence of the site, vintage & vines. Only yeast & small amounts of sulphur are added during the process.

Wine –

This lithe & svelte Steen, exhibits a combination of citrus blossom, yellow fruits, bruised apple, ripe pear, subtle spice & a tell-tale chalky finish with lift of lime-like acidity to whet the palate. A perfect partner for roast fowl, fresh crustaceans & other denizens of the deep, firm *fromage* or enjoy as an aperitif. Serve chilled & best decanted.

Anorak Facts

Vintage 2014 yielding 1880 bottles

Alc. 12.50%

pH 3.49 TA 5.4g/l

RS 2.2 g/l

Kudos 4 ½ Stars *Platter's* 2016 / 93 pts Jamie Goode www.wineanorak.com / 91 pt Tim Atkin MW

Drink now – 2024 | Cellar upright | Best Decanted | Serve Chilled

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