

The Fledge & Company

Klipspringer 2015

Steen / Chenin blanc – 100%

Old bush vine, Swartland



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 unfined & unfiltered.

Vineyard –

Low yielding dry land bush vines planted in 1976 on decomposed granite atop the Paardeberg & 1975 on the leeward side of Kasteelberg in schist rich soils. Hand harvested at dawn & transported to the cellar. This vintage was highlighted by a drier than normal winter in 2014, warm dry spring & extremely early, but with near perfect harvest conditions.

Vinification –

Paardeberg fruit was harvested first toward the middle of the third week of January & naturally fermented. The Kasteelberg fruit

was harvested second week February & inoculated. All fruit was gently whole-bunch pressed in a small pneumatic press, thereafter the juice was settled overnight prior to racking with a fair share of fine lees, inoculated & allowed a 3 week cold ferment in stainless steel. Post-fermentation the wines were racked with a portion of fine lees to a small 2750l tank & left undisturbed for 12 months prior to bottling unfined & 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 –

Cling peach, apricot, bright citrus, Swartland *spiciness* & a beam of palate whetting acidity are hallmarks of this Steen. A perfect partner for a Sunday roast chicken with all the trimmings, fresh seafood, braised pork belly, firm *fromage* or enjoy as an aperitif. Serve chilled & best decanted.

Anorak Facts

Vintage 2015 yielding 3000 bottles

Alc. 12.96%

pH 3.60

TA 5.3g/l

RS 2.1 g/l

Kudos 93 pt Tim Atkin MW

Drink now – 2025 | Cellar upright | Best Decanted | Serve Chilled

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