



# ARISTEA

AGAINST THE ODDS



## PINOT NOIR VINTAGE 2019

Born from the ashes and found only in Madagascar and the Cape, the Aristeia flower flourishes on land ravaged by fire, opening for just one day each year.

It also symbolises the struggle, passion and dedication required to produce every new vintage of our special collection of handmade wines. Wines that express a sense of place, crafted with skill and adventure by friends united in a single purpose: to capture the elegance and spirit of South Africa.

### TECHNICAL INFO

Grapes Origin:	W.O. Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge	Alcohol:	13%
Vineyard Yield:	7.5 tons / hectare	Residual Sugar:	1.69 g/l
Harvest Date:	20/02/19 & 06/03/19	Total Acid:	5.73 g/l
Production:	5,600 bottles 100 magnums	pH:	3.48

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully selected from 2 wonderful vineyards at the top of the valley of Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge. Hand-picked into small lug boxes to limit pressure on the bunches, then placed into a cold-room to be kept at 5°C overnight.

The following day the bunches were hand-sorted on a conveyor, de-stemmed without pressing, and the whole berries allowed to fall directly into the open-topped fermenters.

Cold maceration ensued for 3 - 4 days at < 10°C until the juice started fermenting naturally from indigenous yeasts. Pigeage (punching down) was done once a day, only by hand, for a gentle extraction. The wine spent 15 days on the skins before pressing, and thereafter racked and left to complete malolactic fermentation and maturation in only French oak barrels for 11 months (15% new, 50% 2nd-fill and 35% 3rd-fill).

### TASTING NOTES

A beautifully crafted wine with a keen overlay of cranberries, cherry blossoms and plush tones of blackberries with hints of Turkish Delight deepening on the nose. The tannin finishes long and light whilst the broad texture engulfs the palate showing bright succulent fruits followed by more gentle black fruit down the middle with a balanced acidity, a grippy backbone and lingering finish. The gentle winemaking approach leads on to a wine that has evolved beautifully and is intense, seductive, delicately layered and persistently mouth-watering.

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