

2014 Spice Route Terra de Bron Swartland Carignan

Five centuries ago the ancient mariners braved uncharted seas to round the Cape of Good Hope in search of exotic spices. Their nerve and dash inspire the Spice Route philosophy.

We have found our signature wine style in the rolling hills along the Cape's West Coast, where unirrigated vines produce grapes with small, thick-skinned berries – ripe fruit that is dense, rich and full-flavoured. A passionate dedication to quality and traditional hand-crafting captures the essence of this fruit in our wines.

De Bron was the nickname given to the town of Malmesbury before British rule, as Bron is the Dutch word for a thermal water spring and the area was known for its healing hot springs and dry air.

IN THE VINEYARD:

The Carignan used for this wine was selected from a single vineyard block planted in 2001 on Klein Amoskuil farm. This dryland bush vine block is the only block on the farm planted on Malmesbury shale soil. This vineyard has consistently produced wine that reflects a true sense of place and worthy to be part of the Terra de Bron series.

HARVEST DATE:

05 March 2014

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked and hand-sorted before fermentation took place in 2-tonne open oak fermenters (*Foudre*) for 14 days. Manual punch downs were applied twice daily during fermentation. After fermentation, the wine was racked off and transferred to old 225 litre French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and maturation, where it spent 19 months in barrel before bottling. The wine was released after 12 months of bottle ageing.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

"Carignan is my personal favourite grape variety to work with. Not only does it produce a stunning wine, but it also grows very well out in the vineyard, where the vertical growing bush vines make it easy to get the best out of the fruit. Enjoy!" - *Charl du Plessis* -

TASTING NOTE:

Layered with red fruits and backed by spicy flavours on the nose. Medium body palate with subtle notes of smoky and cured meat make it an ideal food wine.



Wine of Origin	Swartland
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual sugar	2.5g/l
Total acid	5.7g/l
pH	3.61

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