

Seriously Old Dirt 2020

VILAFONTÉ, PAARL, SOUTH AFRICA



HARVEST & VINTAGE NOTES

Seriously Old Dirt is a wine produced from vines planted in ancient vilafonté African soils on the estate. Seriously Old Dirt is made for explorers.

The 2019/2020 growing season brought fair and favorable conditions on the whole. Post-harvest rains in 2019 marked the onset of a wet, cold winter. Spring was warm, resulting in an early (two weeks earlier) and even bud-break. This saw healthy, homogeneous shoot growth in the early season. Windy conditions during flowering led to some variability in berry set and produced looser clusters with small berries. Temperatures during ripening were moderate and without the usual expected heatwaves, there were an even and measured pace in ripening and picking.

Vilafonté had processed all their wines safely in an older French oak barrique mature for 18 months, before the announcement of a national Covid-19 lockdown, on the March 26, 2020. Wines of the vintage exhibit poise, concentration, and a restrained potency. Hallmarks intrinsic to a future classic.

Youthful, deep ruby-red in color. This Cabernet-based blend exudes rich layers of fresh fruit on the nose; black raspberry, ripe strawberry, plum, and black currant. Undertones of star anise, nutmeg, and fragrant tobacco-leaf add to the hedonistic experience. The vintage reflects a quintessential elegance, with a core of satin-textured tannins and youthful energy.

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WINEMAKER: Chris de Vries

GRAPES: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 4% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL: 14%



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