



VILAFONTÉ Seriously Old Dirt 2020



Country

South Africa

Region

Paarl, Western Cape

Winemaker

Arlene Mains

Alcohol Content

14%

Varietal Blend

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

HISTORY

Vilafonté is the coming together of great wine experience from California and South Africa. The vision that brought together the three founding Vilafonté partners, is the culmination of a life-long dream. An uncompromising determination to produce wines which stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the great wines of the world. Nothing less.

Their enduring philosophy of nurturing a culture of patience in the cellaring and enjoyment of our wine is honored and facilitated by the terroir of the site – and the artistry to create wines of elegant complexity, structure and longevity.

VINIFICATION and MATURATION

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 barriques to mature for 18 months. Wines of the vintage exhibit poise, concentration, and a restrained potency. Hallmarks intrinsic to a future classic.

TASTING NOTES

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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