

A MOTHER'S JOURNEY 2018

Background:

Named in honour of the Rascal's Mother, Yvonne, a sprightly and vividly articulate 84 year-old Mother of three children, and Granny to eight grandchildren, who has lived a similarly vivid life. Growing up in Cape Town in the 1930's and 40's, she spent much of her youth moving between family members in Southern and East Africa, which spawned her love of travel. A nurse for almost 45 years, she met Rodney in England in the early 1960's, before returning to Cape Town in 1969 with her husband, two children, and a cat! Her life's journey is celebrated in this wine with its textured and elegant finish, full of stories and experiences to come.

Vintage: 2018

Varietal: Shiraz (100%)

Wine of origin: Stellenbosch

Vineyards: This wine is a combination of three different parcels from the Golden Triangle in the Helderberg mountains of Stellenbosch. The North facing slopes are a combination of Hutton and Clovelly on a clay sub-base. The vineyards were planted in 1999 and 2008. The grapes were hand-harvested in mid-March and the low-yielding vineyards deliver small berries with rich red fruit concentration.

Winemaking: Harvesting occurred in mid-March, and the grapes were cold soaked for 3 days allowing natural fermentation to commence. Pump overs occurred twice a day. After primary fermentation, the wine was pumped back into stainless steel tanks for malolactic fermentation to take place, and then racked off into in 2nd to 4th fill French oak barrels for 18 month's maturation before bottling.

Tasting notes: An exotic and vibrant wine with a crimson color and flavours of star anise, cardamom, and red peppers, with fruit flavors of red berries and red cherries. This full-bodied wine shows a tomato-ginger sweetness on the palate with elegantly layered tannins, fresh, fruity, freshness and a long lingering finish that is textured, composed, and elegant.

ABV: 14.43% pH: 3.58 RS: 2.5 g/l

Awards:

Tim Atkin South Africa Report 92 points

Platter Wine Guide 4.5*

Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show Gold Medal 96 points

