

## A MOTHER'S JOURNEY 2018

### Background:

Named in honour of the Ross' Mother, a sprightly and vividly articulate 83 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. Moving to England in the early 1960's, she nursed in some of the UK's premier hospitals, before returning to Cape Town in 1969 with The Devonian and two children, and a cat! Her journey as a nurse, Mother, Grandmother, wife, and well-read and travelled woman is celebrated in this wine with its textured and elegant finish, full of stories and experiences to come.

**Vintage:** 2018

**Varietal:** Shiraz (100%)

**Style:** Northern Rhone style, dark fruit flavours

**Wine of origin:** Stellenbosch

**Vineyards:** This wine is a combination of three different parcels from the Golden Triangle in the Helderberg mountains. The soils are a combination of Hutton and Clovelly on a clay sub-base and the aspect is North facing. 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:** The grapes were harvested in mid-March, and then cold soaked for 3 days until natural fermentation commenced. Pump overs occurred twice a day. After fermentation, the wine was pressed 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/lit**

**Awards:** Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show Gold Medal 96 points, Tim Atkin South Africa Report 92 points, Platter Wine Guide 4.5\*, Winemag.co.za 92 points, Decanter World Wine Awards 91 points, James Suckling Wine Ratings 90 points

