

VINTAGE BRUT ROSÉ

VINTAGE: 2019

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE: 17.2°C

RAINFALL: 788mm

HARVESTING BEGAN: 23 January 2019 HARVESTING ENDED: 10 February 2019

ORIGIN OF FRUIT: Western Cape (90% Altima, 10% Rooderust)

SOIL TYPE: Decomposed granite and sandstone

YIELD: 6.3ton/ha

CULTIVAR: Chardonnay 60% Pinot Noir 40%

VINTAGE NOTES: The yield of the 2019 vintage was significantly higher than the yield of the previously harvested 2018 vintage, which had been subjected to severe drought for three consecutive years. The fluctuating weather conditions that occurred during the flowering and fruit set period in October was the cause of some uneven ripening. On the other hand, the moderate weather that occurred during the growing season resulted in robust growth and denser canopies. Excellent fruit with balanced acidity and outstanding flavours was produced as a result of the slightly cooler conditions that prevailed in the days leading up to harvest.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes were harvested at ±19.0°Balling and whole-bunch pressed. Only the highest-quality juice (tête de cuvee) was settled overnight in stainless steel tanks at 10°C before being racked for fermentation. Following the initial fermentation, the best components were selected for their finesse and elegance and blended before being bottled for secondary fermentation. After secondary bottle fermentation, the wine was aged on the lees for 24 months before being disgorged. The wine was kept under cork for an additional 5 months after disgorgement before being released. The world-class Anthonij Rupert Méthode Cap Classique Cellar stands out because it houses all of the riddling, disgorging, bottling, and labelling facilities in a single facility.

TASTING NOTES: Delicate blush or coral pink hue with lively stream of tiny, vigorous bubbles. Low key and subtle aromas of raspberry and strawberry mingle with a limestone/chalk note as well as green apple and citrus zest on the nose. The entry is lively and immediately engaging: bright, tangy and crisp and lemon vivacity. There's a lip-smacking fresh acidity which precedes a fantail of low-key red fruit, citrus zest, green apple and a light chalky/limestone and gravel dust note. Structured, precise and focussed but superbly succulent and refreshing, it bids a lengthy farewell with a gently creamy tail.

Alc: 12.5% | TA  $9.7g/\ell$  | pH: 2.96 | RS:  $7.8g/\ell$ 



