



This is a salute to the Saboteurs!

The Anarchists. The Revolutionaries. To those who break the rules and defy the status quo. The Craftsmen. The Artists. The Pioneers. Those who do not bow down and conform; nor blindly accept. Those whose passion bleeds through their art. The Pioneers who forge ahead with insight, wisdom and vision, challenging the norm and questioning convention. Those who are driven by their knowledge and their belief in a better way. Those who stand up to be counted! Luddites, fight your cause, provoke, remonstrate, interrogate. Be true to yourselves, your art, your craft. Lead the way.

Unite! - Saluez Le Saboteur!

Saboteur 2020 Red Blend

2020 vintage saw more rainfall and a cooler lead up to harvest, giving more natural acidity and elegant fruit flavours. The percentage of Grenache Noir has increased from the 2019 vintage, giving the wine a fresher, fruitier style. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache Noir were all fermented in small batches in open bins with quite a lot of whole bunch and stalks in the Grenache Noir. The larger batches of Mourvèdre and Shiraz were fermented in stainless steel tanks with regular pump overs. All the components were pressed directly into barrel and aged separately. Some of the batches did malolactic fermentation in barrel which gives a fuller mouth feel and structure. This vintage was in barrel for 12 months with 18% new French Oak.

During the blending process, great care was taken to follow the house style of Saboteur, which is increasingly building up a huge following, ie. bold fruit, good spice and soft tannins. The blend this year is 61% Shiraz, 15% Grenache Noir, 13% Mourvèdre and 11% Cabernet Sauvignon. A small portion of the Grenache Noir is from the 2021 vintage which lifts the freshness and red fruit spectrum of this wine.

Grapes were sourced from nine vineyard sites:

Bot River, Gabriëlskloof Shiraz harvested on 17th February 2020
 Bot River, Stuart Vineyards Shiraz harvested on 20th February 2020
 Bot River, Luddite young block Cabernet Sauvignon harvested on 25th February 2020
 Walker Bay, Ou Meul Shiraz harvested on 26th February 2020
 Walker Bay, Ou Meul Cabernet Sauvignon harvested on 27th February 2020
 Bot River, Gabriëlskloof Cabernet Sauvignon harvested on 3rd March 2020
 Bot River, Luddite young block Mourvèdre harvested on 25th March 2020
 Bot River, Gabriëlskloof Mourvèdre harvested on 25th March 2020
 Bot River, Anysbos Grenache Noir harvested on 19th March 2021

Average analysis of fruit at harvest

23.5° Balling, TA – 5.8 g/l, pH – 3.55

Tasting Notes

Appearance: Rubi red & purple.

Nose: Spice, cinnamon, tobacco, bright red fruits and hints of floral.

Palate: Juicy red fruits on entry. Dark fruit and spice on mid-palate. Long and dry finish leaving palate refreshed.

Analysis of the wine

Alcohol: 14.87% pH: 3.69 TA: 5.4 g/l RS: 2.2 g/l

19 500 bottles of this vintage were produced (11 000 cork, 8 500 crown cap & 515 magnums)

Tasting notes dated 7th November 2022.