

Keermont

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THE KEERMONT SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES

The Keermont Single Vineyard Series was created to highlight the superb quality and individual character of the wines produced from certain vineyard parcels on the farm. These parcels have been registered as Single Vineyards with the South African Wine Industry Information & Systems NPC (SAWIS) and wines labelled as such may not contain wine made from any other vineyard. The production of each wine is therefore very limited. We do not bottle these wines every year.

Keermont Steepside Syrah 2015

Planted in 2005 on the steep mid-slopes of the Helderberg Mountain range, Steepside Syrah sits at an elevation of 300m. Vines grow in rich red clay loam soils with high levels of iron and quartzite originating from the peaks above. The combination of these deep granitic soils and the intensity of the sunshine on the North facing ridge allows the vineyard to produce wines with power and structure, while the spicy herbal aromatics can be attributed to the elevation and the pristine fynbos flora that surround it.

All grapes used in producing our wines are grown on Keermont Vineyards. Small parcels of grapes are specifically selected according to ripeness, harvested by hand and vinified separately. This process is carried out gently and naturally in open top fermenters using traditional methods only. This wine spent 20 months maturing in seasoned 225 and 500 Litre French oak barrels before being bottled by hand without filtration. Only 2571 bottles were produced.

Tasting note: This is an intense wine with a bright strawberry red colour. Spicy, floral aromas are complimented by hints of cinnamon, ripe strawberries and black current. The palate is full and broad with ripe spicy fruit. The tight structure gives the wine a succulent dry finish with lingering flavours of vibrant and savoury red fruit. Drink 2018-2028.

Previous releases:

Steepside Syrah 2014: 94 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)
96 pts TIM ATKIN (MW)
4½ stars PLATTER GUIDE

Steepside Syrah 2012: 96 pts TIM ATKIN (MW)
TIM ATKIN (MW) – Super Syrah: 70 top New World buys for Rhone Lovers,
Decanter Magazine, September 2015
92 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)
4½ stars PLATTER GUIDE

Vintage Report 2015:

A cold wet winter (as experienced in this vintage) is a good thing for the vine. It goes into full dormancy and wakes up well rested and ready for the season ahead. This was apparent with very even budding and strong early growth during spring. From that point onwards, we experienced a very dry season. Growing conditions, however, were ideal with warm days and cool nights. This variation in temperature leads to good flavour and colour development in the berries and as a result we had a small crop with great quality. We had our earliest harvest yet starting on 23 January and finishing on 3 March and took 70 tons of grapes into the winery. Yield 2015: 5.9 ton/Ha

Analysis:

WINE	Alc %	pH	TA g/L	RS g/L	TSO ₂ mg/L	VA g/L
Steepside Syrah 2015	14.5	3.58	4.8	1.4	56	0.61

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