

# ATLAS SWIFT

PREMIUM WINES



## Shelter Red Blend 2019

WINEMAKER	Martin Smith
COMPOSITION	Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot
ORIGIN	Paarl
AGE OF VINES	4 - 21 years
IRRIGATION	Supplemental / drip and dry-land
SOIL TYPE	Clay with some shale and quartz
PRODUCTION VOLUME	3000 x 750ml
AGEING POTENTIAL	6 to 8 years from vintage

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### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2019 vintage was extremely hot and dry, but some rain showers during the growing season helped to reduce water stress, producing powerful concentrated wines.

### VINIFICATION

Each component was hand-harvested at a fairly ripe 25 Brix and fermented on the skins in small open-top fermenters, with daily punch-downs of the cap. The wine was pressed at 5 Brix, and transferred to 225L French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and a maturation period of 22 months. After bottling, the wine was aged for a further 10 months prior to its release.

### TASTING NOTES

Intense ruby-red colour. Perfumed floral aromatics are further enhanced by complex aromas of raspberries, black cherry preserve and all-spice. The palate is well balanced, soft and supple, with rounded tannins and plush red fruits on the finish.

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ALC 14.40% | RS 3.0 g/l | TA 4.8 g/l | VA 0.63 g/l | pH 3.81 | FREE SO<sub>2</sub> 17 mg/l | TOTAL SO<sub>2</sub> 33 mg/l

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