

ATLAS SWIFT

PREMIUM WINES



Shelter Tempranillo 2021

WINEMAKER	Martin Smith
COMPOSITION	100% Tempranillo
ORIGIN	Cederberg
AGE OF VINES	6 years
IRRIGATION	Supplemental / drip
SOIL TYPE	Ferricrete (Koffieklip)
PRODUCTION VOLUME	1726 x 750ml
AGEING POTENTIAL	6 to 8 years from vintage

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Winter was colder than usual, with heavy rains, which helped to restore some of the drought-damaged water tables. A later and cooler season resulted in slow, but even ripening of a somewhat larger and outstanding quality wine grape crop.

VINIFICATION

Only the healthiest berries from hand-harvested grapes made it into the small, open-top fermenters where they were fermented on the skins. During fermentation, pump-overs were performed twice a day to extract the ripe, round tannins and the maximum amount of colour pigment. To ensure that the fruit is the main attraction, the wine was aged in 3rd and 4th fill French oak barrels in order to limit the influence of oak-derived characters.

TASTING NOTES

Layered aromas of black cherries, dried figs, cocoa, tar and cedarwood, while undertones of dill and rose petals add further interest. The grippy tannins lend a muscular structure and backbone to the wine. The palate is fruit-driven, with plush flavours of red currants, dried apricots, and anise seed. A lovely juicy and succulent wine with lingerig notes of ripe red berries on the finish.

ALC 14.46% | RS 2.54 g/l | TA 5.32 g/l | VA 0.36 g/l | pH 3.49 | FREE SO2 29 mg/l | TOTAL SO2 99 mg/l

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