

Elgin's cool climate provides the ideal conditions to cultivate Mourvèdre grapes for the purpose of crafting a complex, dry rosé wine with refreshing fruit and great acidity. Delightful!

LOTHIAN VINEYARDS MOURVÈDRE ROSÉ



In its opulent setting on the banks of the Palmiet River and a private lake in the Elgin Valley, Lothian Vineyards shines in a class of its own. Years of searching for the perfect location finally revealed Elgin's cool-climate terroir as an elegant setting for growing grapes to produce exceptional Burgundian-style Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling and Rosé varieties. The Wilson family's non-interventionist artisanal wine-making technique flows into the feel of Lothian House: a feat of modern architecture, designed with sensitivity towards the environment. Lothian estate is distinguished by nature, positioned in the Kogelberg Biosphere, which possesses 1654 plant species found nowhere else on earth.

VITICULTURE

The Wilson brothers farm their vineyards in accordance with South Africa's voluntary Integrated Production of Wine program, creating a sustainable ecosystem for plants and animals in their property. Due to Elgin's proximity to the cold Atlantic Ocean and high altitude, the valley's cool environment makes it the ideal home for varieties such as Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Rose and Riesling and permits a predominantly non-interventionist approach to wine making. Working in harmony with nature, the grapes are harvested by hand at the optimal moment for full flavours before being transported a short distance to the local winery.



VINIFICATION

Once the grapes are harvested, they pass into the hands of the estate's skilled enologist, Richard Kershaw MW. Richard is one of the few Masters of Wine in the world that are actually directly involved in the production process. Handled as minimally as possible, the integrity of the fruit and its clonal characteristics are maintained, allowing Richard to craft elegant and exquisitely complex wines that reflect the unique climate and terroir of Lothian's vineyards.



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Region Western Cape, Elgin Valley

Classification Wine of Western Cape

Vintage 2019

Grapes 100% Mourvèdre

Soil Composition Table Mountain Sandstone

Vineyard Training Guyot

Density/Yield 70 hl/ha

Fermentation Temperature controlled fermentation and aging for 4 months on its lees in stainless steel. Light filtration prior to bottling.

Alcohol 13.0%

Residual Sugar 2.0 g/l

PH 3.45 g/l

TA 6.0 g/l

Free SO2 35 mg/l

Total SO2 65 mg/l

TASTING NOTES

This colour of this wine is reminiscent of the attractiveness of pale pink tourmaline crystals. The nose is soft and gives a slightly sweet impression of ripe red apples. This sets one up for the surprise of one of the driest Rosés available. The fresh acidity heralds a more serious food-style rose. There are hints of raspberry. This wine has a wonderful minerality encased in a superb mouth feel. This gives length and complexity.

PAIRING SUGGESTION

While it serves well as a refreshing aperitif and summer sipping wine, its dry style makes this wine an ideal companion to a vast variety of dishes. It is a beautiful complement to Asian inspired dishes, grilled fish and seafood, summer salads and barbecued poultry. It is a refreshing accompaniment to any charcuterie board, the more variety the better.