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Modern Classics from Stellenbosch

2007 | THE PIRATE OF COCOA HILL RED

The Cocoa Hill Red 2007 is a youthful yet refined blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (44%), Merlot (32%), Shiraz (18%) and Cabernet Franc (6%) which grows in the decomposed red granite soils of Cocoa Hill – a hilltop in the folds of the Stellenbosch Mountain, superbly positioned in prime South African terroir.

Vintage Conditions

The season leading up to the harvest period provided excellent conditions for optimal ripeness and flavour concentration. This year the harvest started earlier than expected, 10 days to be exact, however, it ended approximately 10 days later. These longer ripening conditions therefore provided for excellent fruit concentration and elegance.

Fermentation and Ageing

The wines individually spent approximately 14-21 days in vineyard specific batches for the primary alcoholic fermentation with gentle pump overs for colour and tannin extraction being performed twice daily. The wines then underwent malolactic fermentation providing complexity and fullness. Certain batches were carefully barrel matured for 14 months in second fill French oak barrels and a small unwooded component was used to provide a fresh and lively character.

Peak drinking

From 2009 for up to 5 years.

Tasting Note by the Winemaker

Prominent Shiraz character provides the upfront fruit and hints of white pepper albeit not one of the major components in this blend. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot seem to lend supporting characteristics of red fruits and earth respectively. The palate is well-balanced with refined tannins, acidity and fruit leaving a fresh lasting impression.

Food Pairing

Being a blend with a complex flavour profile this wine lends its versatility to many dishes ranging from baked ham, grilled pork chops, rich red meat dishes, roast duck, chicken in mushroom or red wine sauce and even fish dishes like pan fried salmon and seared tuna steaks.



Analysis: Alcohol: 14%, Residual sugar: 2.7 g/l, Total Acid: 5.8 g/l, Final pH: 3.5, VA: 0.51 g/l

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