

RIDGEBACK

LION HOUND RED 2020

Shiraz 46%, Cabernet Sauvignon 22%, Merlot 14%
Mourvedre 10%, Grenache 8%

VITICULTURE:

The North-South facing vineyards used for this wine are grown in a combination of Glenrosa and Oakleaf soils. The vines are vertically trellised for optimal bunch and berry ripening and irrigation is scheduled according to soil moisture monitoring.

WINEMAKING:

- The 5 varieties were harvested individually between 14 February and 4 March 2020 and destemmed onto a sorting table with only lightly crushing to prevent any damage to the pips. Each variety was fermented separately in open top stainless-steel fermenters.
- The fermentation ran at 24-28 degrees Celsius with commercial yeast strains suited to the varieties. A 30% whole berry component ensured gentle extraction during pumpovers which were done 3-4 times daily.
- The wines were removed from the skins before complete dryness in order to retain softness.
- All red wines underwent MLF and a portion of the wine was matured on oak staves while the remainder underwent 12 months of ageing in third and fourth fill barrels ensuring good wood/fruit integration.
- The wine was then blended and lightly filtered shortly before bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

An intense, juicy red blend of dark cherries, plum and liquorice with a hint of cigar box and wood spice. The creamy midpalate evolves to a long, savoury finish.

BOTTLE ANALYSIS:

Alcohol	: 14.5%
Residual sugar	: 4.2g/l
pH	: 3.75
Total acidity	: 5.9g/l
Extract	: 36.3g/l
Bottling date	: 24 May 2021
Production	: 29525 bottles (4920 x 6)
Release date	: September 2021
Origin	: Paarl
IPW	: Yes
WIETA	: Yes