



## SIJNN

### SIJNN CWG SYRAH 2011

“And then wine #33 – a 2011 vintage Syrah called Sijnn, was served. Made by Mr. Nice Guy David Trafford, the whole point of the CWG was made in one glass.” Neil Pendock 23 August 2013.  
**Tanzer 91 (+) Wine Spectator 91**

#### VINEYARD

Our Malgas vineyard has complex, stony soils, together with a warm dry climate (350mm) moderated by constant sea breezes providing an ideal terroir to produce something exceptional and unique.

This Auction wine was a particular selection from a particularly low yielding section of 6 year old bush vines on pure shale and slate ‘soil’. Approx. 90% stone, 10% soil. Our soil scientist at the time of planting, the late Paul Feyt, advised us not to plant in this section of the vineyard, as the soil was too poor – a challenge we couldn’t resist!

Yield: 2 ton/ha (12 hl/ha)

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Typical dry windy conditions meant tiny yields and moderate growth. Jan/Feb average max. 26°C, but very few days over 30°C. Usually the max. temp. is reached before midday and it is a little cooler in the afternoon due to the strong sea breezes. Vines irrigated before growing season and again at veraison to assist the critical ripening process, otherwise the vines are left to fend for themselves.

Harvest Date: 10 / 02 /11 @ 23°B

#### PRODUCTION

Spontaneous natural yeast fermentation followed sorting, crushing and destemming. Time on skins was 9 days, with skins punched down 2 to 3 times a day. Single pressing in traditional basket press and malolactic fermentation in barrels. Three old (neutral) 225L barrels were selected after 9 months and blended and further matured in an old 700L barrel for a total 22 months.

Bottled by hand, unfinned and unfiltered. Bottling Date: 26/11/2012

Total Production: 126 x 6 x 750ml; 20 x 3 x 1,5L

#### TASTING NOTES

Attractive deep red, youthful colour. Dense, red berry and dark cherry fruit with damp slate, salty rhenosterbos and subtle white pepper nose. A long, dry, complex gutsy palate with many years ahead – 4 to 5 years at least.

#### ANALYSIS

Alc 13.71% Sugar 1.7g/ℓ TA 5.3g/ℓ pH 3.64 VA 0.68 SO2 19free & 63total ppm

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