



An exciting new vineyard between the tiny hamlet of Malagas and Cape Infanta, at the mouth of the Breede River – called **Sijnn by the original Khoisan inhabitants**. Perched on a plateau of **slate** and **rolled stones**, about 15km from the southern oceans of Africa. The wines are currently made by the **De Trafford** team in Stellenbosch. A winery is planned for the property – still on David Trafford's drawing board!

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VINEYARD

The complex stony soils, together with a warm dry climate (350mm) moderated by constant sea breezes provides an ideal terroir to produce something unique. Most of the soils have about 600mm round pudding stones on the surface with weathered shale or slate in the subsoil. All vines are grown as bush vines due to the exceptional low yield and vigour, from the 6 year old vines.

MOURVEDRE 40%; TRINCADEIRA 16%; SHIRAZ 44%

Yield: 3 ton/ha (18 hl/ha)

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

151mm rain during the growing season – slightly more than usual, but still pretty low. Typical dry, windy conditions meant tiny yields and moderate growth. Jan/Feb average max. 29°C, but hottest temp. recorded 33°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 in winter, before the growing season and again at veraison to assist the critical ripening process, otherwise the vines are left to fend for themselves and adapt to their environment. Harvest conditions dry with very clean, fresh fruit and mineral flavours in a little lighter style to 2009.

PRODUCTION

Handpicked and carefully sorted in **14 kg flat trays** in the cool mornings, to avoid any damaging and transported back to Stellenbosch. Further sorting in Stellenbosch and 98% destemming and gentle crushing directly into small open top tanks, including some 700l wooden vats. Drained off the skins a day or two later at about the time spontaneous natural fermentation starts. Fermentation and further maturation in 225l oak barrels for 9 months. Lightly fined with bentonite (natural clay) and bottled by hand unfiltered.

Bottling date: 24/11/10

Production: 115 x 12 x 750ml

TASTING NOTES

Attractive pale red to pink colour with onion skin hue. Complex Pinot Noir like nose of dusty strawberries and spice. Fresh red wine flavours on the palate, while retaining more of a white wine feel and texture on the palate with just a little soft tannic grip throughout. Ideal and extremely versatile food wine.

ANALYSIS

Alc 12.98% SG 1,7g/l TA 4.8g/l pH 3.67 VA 0.65g/l SO₂ Free 6 mg/l & Total 72 mg/l

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