`The Ladybird` Organic Red Blend Laibach 2020



Region

This famous region is 30 miles north east of Cape Town yet still close enough to the ocean to benefit from cool maritime conditions. These beautiful vineyards are dominated by scenic mountains and the region is home to some of the Cape`s most famous and influential wine estates. The most noted and important vineyards are located on the prized slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain. This small and highly rated sub-zone has fantastic terroir and is where many of South Africa`s top red cuvees are produced.

Producer

One of the Cape`s more recent wine estates having been purchased by the Laibach-Kuehner family in the early 1990s. An initial investment saw the 40 hectare property totally replanted and this was followed by the building of a state of the art and contemporary winery. Stuffed full of modern winemaking kit but using traditional barrel ageing, this is a wine estate with a growing reputation right on top of its game. Managed by the very likeable Mike Malherbe, a totally fanatical grape grower and in tandem with the exceptionally talented winemaker, Francois van Zyl they endeavour to craft modern drinkable and delicious wines for a sophisticated and discerning market. The first winery in South Africa to convert to organic viticulture in the early 2000s.

Tasting Notes

Named after Ladybirds that combat mealybug and protect Laibach`s vines, originally released by the winery but after 14 years, there is a natural cycle and population. These insects replace pesticides in eradicating pests that harm vines. This wine has a Bordeaux blend influenced style of winemaking, it has a complex nose with hints of spice, chocolate and mocha. Good structure with plum and mineral complexity and a lingering finish.

Food

Try with pot roast beef, meatballs in tomato sauce and pasta with bolognese sauce.

Technical Information

Country	South Africa
Region	Stellenbosch
Grape(s)	Merlot (44%) Cabernet Franc (26%) Cabernet Sauvignon (26%) Malbec (4%)
Type	Red
Style	Complex
Oaked Style	Oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Alcohol Content	14%
Closure Style	Cork
Organic/Biodynamic	Organic certified
Allergens	**Milk:** No **Egg:** No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:** Yes **Vegan:** Yes

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