

Lismore, Cape South Coast, Syrah 2017



Dense and smoky black olives, beautifully concentrated with lovely finesse and elegance. The epitome of fine Syrah.

Producer Note

Californian Samantha O'Keefe has found paradise and the perfect terroir. Tucked into the foothills of a dramatic mountain range at the bottom of Africa, Lismore Estate Vineyards was born alongside her nascent family. A passionate vision, combined with vines planted at 300 metres, which are chilled by winter snow and nourished by the African summer sun, produces classic, cool climate wines which are rich, complex and lovingly hand-crafted.

Vintage

The 2017 vintage was a balanced year in Greyton. Warm dry weather conditions throughout the vintage helped to reduce disease pressure. However the cooler nights helped to lengthen the ripening period and retain balancing acidity. Sufficient rainfall ensured the vines were healthy and harvest period was dry. 2017 produced smaller yields of concentrated berries delivering excellent varietal characteristics.

Vineyard

The Syrah is made from 50% Greyton fruit planted in heavy schist (decomposed shale) soils with no irrigation; and 50% Elgin fruit grown in sandstone and shales soils. Two of the coolest climates in South Africa with extreme diurnal temperature shifts which promote complexity, depth and concentration and presents a Syrah that has a very distinct sense of place.

Winemaking

The grapes were picked at optimal ripeness. 40% were fermented in whole bunches in large 5,000 litre vats with gentle pump overs twice per day. The process allowed for a long extraction period which lends to the fruit expression and structure of this wine. The free run wine was drained off and the fermented grapes were then pressed in a traditional wooden basket press. The wine was racked into 225, 300 and 500 litre barrels where malolactic fermentation took place and the wine was aged for 12 months. 15% new French oak was used.

Tasting Note

An exotic experience which shifts your mind to another place. Cassis, blackberry and cherry on the nose with hints of white pepper, ground herbs and the strong floral perfume of crushed violets. Light and elegant, but structured with a fresh acidity.

Grape

Syrah 100%



Winemaker:	Samantha O'Keefe
Region:	Western Cape
Sub region:	Cape South Coast
Country:	South Africa
Alcohol:	13.5%
Body Value:	D (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	2.7
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/No
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic:	No
Biodynamic:	No
Product Code:	5596417A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Diam