



LEOPARD FROG vineyards

Couture Cape Wines from Stellenbosch, South Africa



SHARPEVILLE

Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Private Release

Sharpeville celebrates the brave souls who gave their lives to protest the Pass Laws and accelerate the end of Apartheid. Aged for an unprecedented 60 months (5 years) in new French oak barrels in homage to the finest Bordeaux winemaking traditions, Sharpeville delivers the quintessential expression of this classic cultivar in South Africa.

The virility and restrained power of this wine is conveyed through the brooding emotions expressed by the label which features a copy of an original painting by acclaimed South African artist Velaphi Mzimba from the winemaker's private art collection.

A once-off private release of 3 barrels only.
Each bottle is individually numbered in sequential order.

Winemaker's Notes

Wine of Origin	Stellenbosch, South Africa
Varietal	Cabernet Sauvignon
Vintage	2012
Age of Vines	20 years
Winemaker	David John Bate
Production	3 barrel once-off offering
Bottle Size	750 ml Claret
Yield	3.1 t/ha
°Balling/Harvest	Average 24 °
Alcohol	14%/vol
Residual Sugar	2.0 g/l
TA	5.6 g/l
VA	0.70 g/l
FSO ₂	24 mg/l
pH	3.59
Selection	Vin de goutte (entirely free run juice)
Maturation	60 months (5 years) barrel maturation with MLF (le malo) en barrique in new French oak (Nevers) barrels of medium toast
Packaging	Wooden box
UPC	6009812400149 (individual bottle)
SCC	06009812400156 (case of 12 bottles)

Tasting Notes

Appearance

Hues of regal red and majestic magenta intermingle with glimpses of weather-worn brick at rim's edge. A brilliant lustre and luminosity arouse immediate interest.

Nose

Finessed floral fragrances with hints of berries and dark fruit flavours foreshadow the depth and character of this complex and compelling wine.

Taste

Forest fragrances unveil a smooth, sensuous body that slowly undresses layers of black berries, black currants and dark cherries. Subtle strokes of black spices, liquorice and truffles climax with whispers of cassis, vanilla and melted dark chocolate in a long, gratifying finish sure to seduce your senses. A stallion of a wine.