



Goats do Roam, `Goats do Roam` Red 2015

PRODUCER

Charles Back, the owner of Fairview, is also the man behind Goats do Roam, which was launched in 1999. Goats do Roam is rare in that it is an amusing and original proposition allied to wines of good quality and value for money. Normally, these 'concept' wines put more money into marketing than into quality but, characteristically, Charles has done the opposite. The fruit for Goats is sourced primarily from Paarl, Malmesbury and Paardeberg. The 'legend' goes that some errant members of Fairview's long established goat herd, supplier of milk for Fairview's internationally award winning cheeses, escaped one afternoon from their paddock into the Fairview vineyards when Charles Back's young son Jason accidentally left the paddock gate open. The little group happily roamed among the vineyards, showing rare discernment by selecting some of the ripest berries from some of the choicest vines. Their selection serves as the inspiration for the blends of these wines.

VINEYARDS

The Shiraz was harvested from trellised vineyards in Paarl, Darling and the Swartland. The Cinsault is from bush vines in Paarl and the Piekenierskloof. The Mourvèdre is primarily from dryland bush vines in the Swartland with a splash from Stellenbosch. The juicy Grenache Noir is from Paarl and Darling. The Durif, also known as Petit Syrah, is from decomposed granite soils grown in trellised Paarl vineyards. All grapes are 100% Fairtrade.

VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage was about two weeks earlier than normal. The hot and dry summer resulted in fully ripe, healthy grapes, which contributed to richer styles of wine than in previous vintages. The grapes were harvested during February and March 2015

VINIFICATION

The grapes were destalked and lightly crushed into stainless steel tanks. Each grape variety and vineyard was fermented separately. After alcoholic fermentation the wines were racked to tanks and barrels for malolactic fermentation followed by maturation in both tanks and barrels prior to blending.

TASTING NOTES

Bright ruby in the glass. Plums and red berry with cinnamon spice aromas. Medium bodied with juicy tannins and subtle spice on the finish.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2015
Region	Paarl, Coastal Region
Grape Varieties	58% Syrah/Shiraz 12% Grenache/Garnacha 12% Mourvedre 8% Petite Sirah 7% Cinsault 3% Carignano/Carignan
Winemaker	Anthony de Jager
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	2.6g/L
Acidity	5.5g/L
Wine pH	3.53
Bottle Sizes	75cl