NOBLE HILL

Field Atlas 2018

Field Atlas reflects our deep connection with the soils of the Simonsberg. We co-ferment whole bunches from selected vineyards to balance lightness & structure. Floral, black pepper, & olive purée aromas underlined by umami and earth.

In the vines

Field Atlas is a unique blend that begins in our estate vineyards. We pick Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache Noir, & Viognier vineyards concurrently for co-fermentation. Each vineyard has been carefully selected for is compatibility in the field blend. Each vineyard's unique elevation, aspect, and soil gives us flexibility in creating a harmonious, cohesive, and delicate wine.

2018 was notable for dry conditions and moderate yields. The vintage shows concentrated characters, with good ripeness.

The wine

At harvest, fruit is hand-sorted, lightly crushed, and cold soaked to allow the flavours and colours in the grapes' skins to soak into the wine gently and naturally. A significant tporportion of whole clusters are added to the fermentation for partial carbonic maceration. The wine is oxygenated daily via remontage and délestage before being racked into large format concrete tanks and 225l French oak barrels at the end of primary fermentation. The wine is matured for 18 months before bottling.

Field Atlas reminds us of fresh black cherries, liquorice, and black pepper. The wine is delicate, smooth and balanced. The oak is well-integrated and will age through at least 2025. Produced in respect of natural processes, some sedimentation may occur in bottle.

Origin Simonsberg-Paarl pH 3.4

