



RADFORD DALE
ORGANIC

HIGHER PURPOSE CABERNET FRANC 2022

This wine marks the maiden vintage from our Organically-certified Estate in Elgin. "Higher Purpose" is a fitting name for this wine, encompassing both the varietal's intrinsic qualities and the influence of its elevated vineyard location. It embodies a dedication to excellence and a commitment to crafting a wine that reaches new heights of flavour for this varietal in South Africa.

INTHE VINEYARD

The grapes are from a single block, planted in 2009. These vines are starting to come into maturity. The 2021 Winter conditions were excellent, characterised by above-average cold units with a higher-than-normal rainfall. Due to the cool, windy, and rainy weather that prevailed throughout most of the season, disease control was essential. Canopies were exceptionally lush throughout and required continuous management. We were gifted a relatively dry and cool harvest season. Overall, this confluence of conditions led to well-developed bunches with a wonderful structure and fruit balance.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were all hand-picked early in the morning, loaded onto tractors and brought into our Organic cellar. The bunches were then hand-fed over a sorting table. Whole bunches were placed into clay Amphorae for 2 weeks, for carbonic maceration. The bunches were then pressed in the basket press and the juice was moved to barrel to complete fermentation. The wine spent just under 12 months in a combination of 228L and 300L barrels, ranging from 3rd to 4th fill. After which it was assembled and bottled, in May 2022.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The wine exhibits the delicate nature of this variety, with finesse and depth only attainable in cool climate conditions. On the nose, the wine reveals a charming bouquet with prominent notes of bright and attractive dark fruit and notes of violets. The presence of wildflowers and fynbos, with a hint of stems, contribute distinctive aromatic elements. It offers a refined drinking experience that combines elegance and charm.



TECHNICAL BITS

Varietal	Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Elgin, South Africa
Analysis	Alcohol 13%vol
	Total acidity 5.7g/L
	pH 3.46
	Residual sugar 1.6g/L

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