



Villiera Down to Earth Red 2017

main variety Touriga Nacional

vintage 2017

analysis alc: 14.54 | ph: 3.56 | rs: 2.8 | ta: 5.8

type Red

producer Villiera Wines

style Dry

winemaker Jeff Grier

taste Mineral

wine of Stellenbosch

body Medium

tasting notes

An explosion of spice and dark berry flavours with the tannin caressing the palate. The extra dimension of integrated oak was all that was needed to complete the picture of a modern wine that illustrates the art of blending.

blend information

83% Touriga Nacional, 17% Shiraz

about the harvest

The grapes used are mid-season ripeners and harvesting occurs at full ripeness. Everything is picked by hand from mostly bush vines and sorted to ensure healthy fruit.

in the cellar

The delivered grapes are lightly crushed and destalked but handled carefully to limit tannins and ensure softness. When the winemakers made the original blend they began with Shiraz, but Jeff was looking for something with more fruit so Touriga Nacional was added for colour, depth and fruit. Perfect! This became the regular blend, further softened by some time in oak. It is bottled early and can be enjoyed relatively young although it will keep for up to 8 years. Due to limited use of additives the wine is suitable for vegetarians and vegans.