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Background

Owner: Virginia Povall

Country: South Africa

Region: Stellenbosch

Founded: 2008

Annual Production: 2000cs

Description: Massachusetts native Ginny Povall purchased Stellenbosch's Protea Heights farm in 2008, after a corporate career in New York. Since that time, Big Flower (her estate grown label) and Botanica (made from grapes sourced from some of South Africa's most sought-after emerging wine regions and best growers) have rapidly become icons of the new wave of South African winemaking.

Wine Notes – 2016 Botanica Arboretum Red Blend

The 2016 Botanica Arboretum is the third vintage of Ginny Povall's Bordeaux-style red blend made from grapes grown on her own Protea Heights Farm in Stellenbosch. It is a worthy follow up to the enormously successful 2014 and 2015 bottlings from this emerging superstar. Like its predecessors, the wine is a selection, with the best barrels from the estate's fruit going in to the final blend. The wine features a nose of tobacco, blackberry and cherry, pure, focused flavors of plum and cassis, a medium body, firm tannins and exquisite balance, with an almost Medoc-like personality.

Technical Specifications

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| Varietal Composition: | 53% Cab Sauvignon, 23% Cab Franc, 21% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot |
| Vineyard Region: | South Africa / Western Cape / Stellenbosch / Devon Valley |
| Vine Age / Yields: | Estate-grown grapes / ~10 years old |
| Production Volume: | 1000 cases / year |
| Vineyard Characteristics: | Distinct plots of decomposed granite soils |
| Wine-Making / Vinification: | Organically farmed (certification in 2019), native yeast Green harvest, hand harvested, 100% destemmed, crushed and fermented in open-top fermenter with daily punchdowns 11 month aging in 300L oak barrels (10% new French oak, balance 2 nd -4 th use oak) |
| Alcohol / Volume: | 14.5% |
| Acidity: | 5.7 g/l |
| pH: | 3.61 |
| Residual Sugar: | 3.1 g/l |