

Pictus IV – 2012

W.O. Coastal Region

Blend Shiraz 40% | Grenache 38% | Mourvedre 22%

Analysis Alc: 13.7% | R.S: 3.48g/l | T.A: 5.9g/l | Ph: 3.48

Awards and Accolades

- Double Gold – National Wine Challenge/Top 100 Wines 2017
- 4 stars – Platter
- Silver – Veritas 2017

The story of this wine

Pictus is named after the scientific name for an African wild dog, *Lycaon Pictus*, meaning Wolf in Greek and Painted in Latin. Pictus is made with meticulous care and blended from our favourite wines of the vintage. Each vintage of Pictus is labelled with a different piece of artwork. The artwork for Pictus IV is a study by the highly regarded South African conservationist and artist, the late Keith Joubert. Permission to use the work was kindly granted by his wife, Val. Production of Pictus IV was limited to just 2400 bottles. Painted Wolf Wines donate a portion of their turnover to conservation projects throughout Southern Africa.

Tasting notes

An elegant medium full-bodied wine combining charm with power, red berry and spice, and a long, polished finish.

Food suggestions

Pair with warming hearty autumnal dishes such as game pies, beef Wellington, ossobuco, braised lamb shanks or traditional South African tomato bredie.

Ageing potential

Pictus IV will mature in bottle for 7 to 10 years from vintage.

The Vineyard

Produced from 90% organically certified grapes grown at Kasteelsig vineyard in the Swartland. This vineyard comprises red Glenrosa and Oakleaf soils, both shale rich duplex soils. 10% of this wine is Stellenbosch Shiraz from Devon Rock, a sustainably farmed vineyard.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand-picked into small basket and crushed into small open fermenters. Wine was fermented with a blend of natural vineyard yeast and commercial strains. We hand punched down the cap a number of times per day and when dry, pressed in small batches in our small press. The wine has been aged in French (80%) 225 litre and 300 litre barrels for 18 months with approximately 40% new wood. My ambition was to reflect this elegant vintage with a balanced wine exhibiting a harmonious palate and long finish, an excellent partner for a wide range of dishes.

