

FACT SHEET

Pictus VII - 2017

W.O. COASTAL REGION

CULTIVARS

Grenache 51% | Syrah 34% | Carignan 15%

ANALYSIS

Alc: 14% | R.S: 2.7g/l | T.A: 5.7g/l | Ph: 3.48

AWARDS

Platter's Wine Guide 2020: 4.5 stars
Decanter World Wine Awards 2020: Silver



TASTING NOTES

An elegant, full bodied wine combining charm with power. Red berry, pepper spice, toasty oak and savoury aromas lead to a supple, rich mouthfeel and a long, polished finish.

AGEING POTENTIAL

Pictus VII will mature in bottle for 10 to 12 years from vintage.

THE VINEYARD

Grenache and Carignan grapes were harvested on Welgegund farm on western facing slopes above Wellington; Syrah came from two different vineyards in the Swartland. The Carignan vines are over 45 years old and are registered heritage vines. None of these vineyards are irrigated.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-picked into small baskets and crushed into small open fermenters and fermented with wild yeast. We hand punched down the cap up to four times a day and then dry pressed in small batches. The wine was aged in 300-litre French oak barrels for 20 months with Syrah in new barrels.

Total production 5,400 bottles.

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 is labelled with a different piece of artwork. The artwork for Pictus VII 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.



Painted Wolf Wines supports the conservation of the highly endangered painted wolf (African wild dogs) and the protection of the diminishing wild spaces of Africa, through its donations to the EWT – www.ewt.org.za and Tusk – www.tusk.org.