

BIG BILL

PETIT VERDOT / CABERNET SAUVIGNON / SHIRAZ



William “Big Bill” Millar. Now there was a man. Boxing champ, decorated war hero, Springbok rugby captain and the first General Manager of KWV. There is only one wine barrel in the world large enough to bear his name, to carry his legacy. As is there only one wine you would want to drink.

Visit our cellar and you’ll notice a big, 22 000 l oak stuk vat, a vat that dwarfs all of its contemporaries, just as Big Bill did. This vat, named after Big Bill himself, is the inspiration for Big Bill, a wine that’s larger than life. Here’s to Bill!

Vintage: 2017

Wine of Origin: Western Cape

Vintage conditions:

Regular, small rains in spring and cool to moderate temperatures provided for timely vine development. Bud break and spring growth were even, assisted by early leaf breaks and green bunch harvesting. Moderate conditions sped development and ensured outstanding vine health. An early harvest sparked by December to January warmth, drought and lighter yields, ran until March. The result: wine of fabulous quality.

Components:

56% Petit Verdot, 20% Shiraz, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Tannat, 1% Mourvèdre 1% Merlot, 1% Cinsaut

Wine description:

This vibrant red blend shows upfront aromas of blackberries, cherry and aniseed with hints of cloves and dark chocolate. The well-rounded structure highlights sweet fruit on the palate and delivers a long, enduring finish.

Maturation:

Blend components making up 80% of the wine were oak matured for six to eight months.

Serving suggestion:

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Cellaring potential:

This wine is ready for enjoyment now or can be cellared for two to four years from vintage.

Wine analysis:

Alcohol: 14.26 % v/v

pH: 3.62

Total acidity: 5.90 g/l

Residual sugar: 5.0 g/l