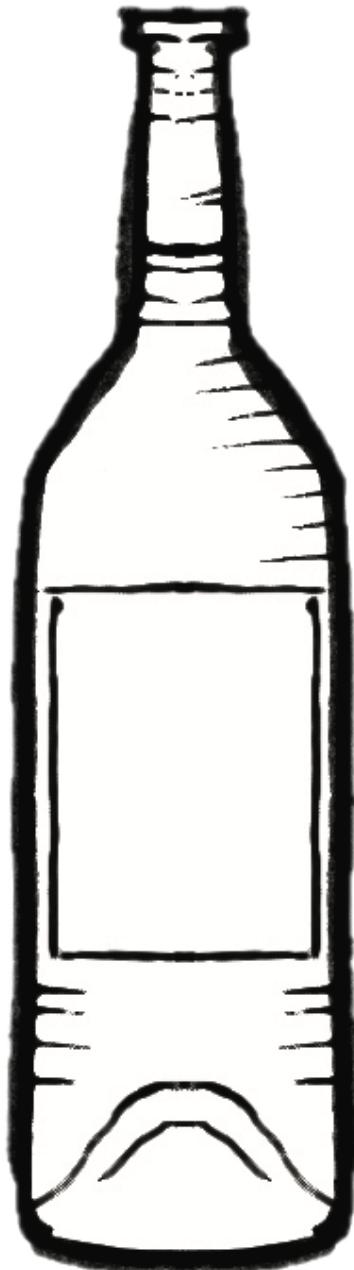




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**Alcohol label %: 14.5 | pH: 3.51 | Acidity (TA): 5.51 | Residual Sugar (g/L): 1.8 |
Serving Temperature (°C): 18.0 | Drink starting in: 2024 | ending in: 2036**



Growing Conditions

The Winter of 2021/22 was uncharacteristically dry, with 'normal' rain in April and May giving the vines enough moisture to commence the season's growth, and the lovely dry period during flowering in late May / June ensure the 'sortie' (successful flowering) was excellent, with LOADS of bunches. There then followed an exceptionally dry July and August which had us fearing that the vines would stop ripening, and that the grapes would just shrivel.

Harvest

Some relieving light rain in September kept the vines respiring, and we managed to harvest a good crop of plentiful bunches with very small grapes - with exceptional flavours.

Winemaking

All our grapes for Domaine of the Bee were hand harvested, and then hand-sorted at the winery to ensure we only chose the healthiest and ripest grapes. The first Carignan to be picked is fermented in a stainless steel tank. The rest of the Carignan, and all of the Grenache is cold-macerated in upturned demi-muids (500L barrels) with the ends taken out, before being warmed up, inoculated with yeast, and gently punched down 2-3 times a day.

Aging

After pressing, all of the wine was drained into a mixture of 500L and 225L barrels, approximately a quarter of which are new, and left to mature for 16 months.

Bottling

Yes

Appearance

The year's wine is a dark rich velvety red - reflecting the ripe vintage, and small bunches.

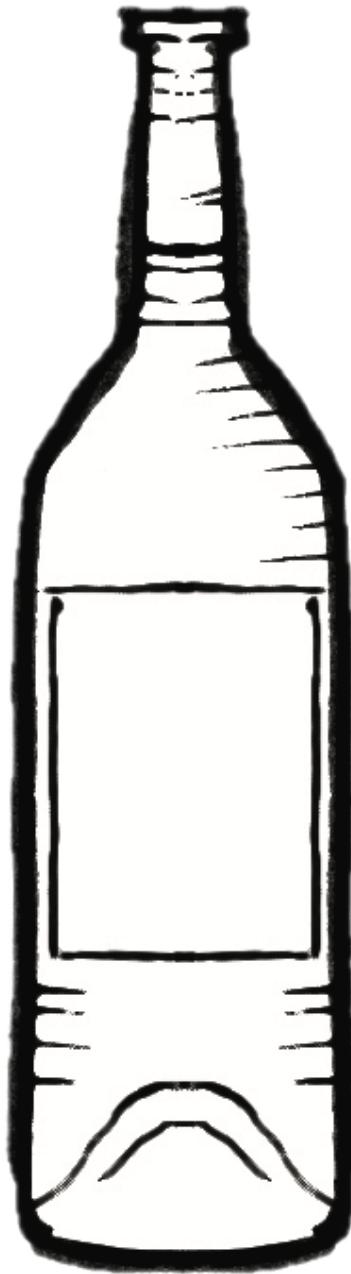
Nose

An intoxicating aroma full of ripe, fleshy, dark-skinned plums and a suggestion of



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subtly-spiced oak

Palate

Deliciously rich and smooth, the mouth is filled with compote of ripe figs, spiced plums and kirsch, with a suggestion of liqueur chocolate - yet the palate is bright and fresh, with delightfully cleansing pithy tannins, and a hint of garrigue herbs.