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BOTANICA

'Flower Girl' Pet-Nat

VINTAGE: 2019

GRAPE(S): Cabernet Franc

COUNTRY: South Africa

APPELLATION: Stellenbosch WO

VINEYARD: N/A

SUGAR: 1.3 g/L

ACIDITY: pH 3.43

ALCOHOL: 10.59%

STYLE: Dry, tart and savoury.

FOOD PAIRINGS: Aperitif, charcuterie, beef tartare and carpaccio.

THE DOMAINE: South Africa, renowned for its varied topography, great natural beauty, and cultural diversity is home to Ginny Povall's Botanica. Originally a Boston native, Ginny followed her self-taught winemaking passion to Stellenbosch where she found a home on Protea Heights Farms. Planting her first 12 acres in 2009, Ginny now creates over 9 spectacular wines. Her distinctly refined and lively wines awaken our palette, blending old and new world style in every sip.

The Mary Delany Collection is crafted from grapes sourced from unique vineyard sites throughout the Cape. Each of the labels depicts a botanical collage created by British artist Mary Delany. These remarkable works of art were hand crafted in the late 1700s using hundreds of tiny pieces of cut paper.

VITICULTURE AND VINIFICATION: Vegan and sustainably farmed. Pét-Nat is short for pétillant naturel, which is simply French for "naturally sparkling". Pét-nat is made using the "ancestral" method, which is the oldest version of sparkling wine making with origins in France. The wine is bottled before the first fermentation has finished, allowing the process to complete in bottle (vs. Champagne method, where there is a second fermentation in bottle after the first has been completed). The Ancestral winemaking process results in a much less bubbly wine (compared to other sparkling methods) as well as lower alcohol levels. These wines can be very dry to slightly sweet.

VINTAGE DETAILS: The South African wine grape harvest 2019 has hit a record low, largely due to the preceding drought and fluctuating weather conditions during the season. Winemakers are, however, positive about the quality of this year's vintage. The 2019 wine grape crop is estimated at 1 225 620 tonnes, according to the latest estimate of industry body Sawis (South African Wine Industry Information & Systems) on 26 April 2019. Although only 1.4% smaller than last year, the crop has shrunk for the second consecutive year and 2019 represents a record low since 2005. Rain and cool conditions in some South African regions at the end of February and early March hampered some later ripening red grape varieties, which lead to relatively low sugar levels.

TASTING NOTE: This bone-dry Pet-Nat is super savoury with notes of tomato leaf, ketchup chips and pickle brine that are followed by red and black currant fruit. Super fresh palate with a clean finish. Yum!

PERSONAL NOTES: