



AVONDALE

TERRA EST VITA

NAVITAS 2009



THE ENERGY OF ALIVENESS - Navitas means energy. It is energy that binds diverse elements into the one harmonious system we call alive. Vibrant with a life of its own, we have called our flagship Red Blend Navitas, as it is the embodiment of Avondale's unique luminescence and character. Our water and mineralogy, our soul and cosmic connections, and above all, our energy are represented by Navitas.

NAVITAS'S EMBLEM - Navitas bears Avondale's logo, a rendition of the Armillary sphere, an ancient astronomical instrument used to show the position of stars around the earth. It represents Avondale's holistic approach to life on our farm where, from the minerals in the soil to the stars in the skies, all is combined in an energised, living system.

GRAPE VARIETIES - Navitas is made from 62% Syrah and 29% Mourvedre and 9% Grenache grapes from organically-cultivated 20 year old vines with a low yield of 5 tons per hectare of high quality fruit.

THE MAKING OF NAVITAS - Grapes were hand-picked at between 23 and 24° Balling. Some batches were de-stemmed and crushed, after which natural fermentation occurred in stainless steel tanks. Other batches went through whole bunch natural fermentation. Fermentation peaked at 30° Celsius and post-fermentation maceration was allowed. Malolactic fermentation and maturation took place in large 600-litre French Oak barrels, the majority of which were 1st fills.

NAVITAS CHARACTER - An exclusive, limited release, elegantly-wooded wine, Navitas has an extraordinary colour and a rich nose of dark stewed fruits, cloves and cinnamon. Flavours of white pepper and plum are combined with silky tannins and a smooth but lively minerality to provide an exceptional concentration of fine fruit on the palate.

WINEMAKER - Corné Marais

VITICULTURIST - Johnathan Grieve

ORIGIN - Paarl, South Africa

ALCOHOL - 14% **PH** - 3.55 **TA** - 5.5g/l **AGEING** - 2020



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