



DE TRAFFORD PLAN B 2022

“Plan B” is a true “second” wine – a collection of barrels we feel are not quite up to the high quality we expect for our wines, but too good to sell off in bulk.

VINEYARD BLOCKS

2022 Cinsaut 41%

The inclusion of a substantial amount of Cinsaut to our 2022 Plan B really brought the wine to life. We used a few barrels which had just completed malolactic fermentation.

2022 Cabernet Sauvignon 21%

We specifically pick small sections of the vineyard that have excess vigour and vinify them separately with very little extraction. Mostly from a single block on neighbouring Keermont vineyard.

2022 Petit Verdot 16%

A barrel without a home. Adding a little density, spice and concentration.

2022 Shiraz 13%

2021 Merlot 9%

PRODUCTION

Plan B is produced with minimal intervention in much the same way as the top De Trafford wines, just a barrel selection of those we don't feel meet our high standards. Hand picking, no yeast or acid additions, low SO₂, no fining or filtering are standard practices at De Trafford.

Time in some new, but mostly old 225L French oak barrels: 16 months.

Bottling date: 20/06/2023

Production: 285 x 12 x 750ml

TASTING NOTES

Lovely, medium red colour. Intriguing, complex nose of wild, dusty berries, smoked meat and spice. Medium bodied palate shows complexity of fruit at a young age and a lovely dry, dusty finish.

This wine will go with just about anything you put on the braai!

Drink now to 2032.

ANALYSIS

Alc. 14.33% SG. 1.6 g/l TA 5.1 g/l pH 3.66 VA 0.65 SO₂ 37_{free} 89_{total}