



At the centre of the Cape Winelands lies the Simonsberg mountain, a fynbos-rich massif, home to exceptional vineyards since the 17th century. It's on the southern slopes, with unrivaled views over False Bay to Table Mountain, that you will find TOKARA's home vineyards and olive groves.

TOKARA'S ULTRA-PREMIUM BORDEAUX BLEND, TELOS.

TOKARA TELOS 2015

COMPONENTS:

- 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec, 3% Merlot.
- 63% new oak, medium toast and house toast, very fine grain, 5 years open seasoning.

HARVESTING AND WINEMAKING:

- Hand harvested into 15 kilogram lug boxes and using Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) images to assist in picking areas of homogenous ripening.
- Placed in a cold room overnight and sorted twice on a Pellenc Mechanical sorter and subsequent individual berry sorting on a vibrating table.
- Gravity fed directly to tank where 30% whole and 70% crushed berries underwent a four day cold maceration.
- Whole berry fermentation results in red berry fruit characteristics that temper the black berry characteristics of regular ferments resulting in a full spectrum of flavours.
- Natural fermentation with indigenous yeasts with open pump overs and three complete delestages during fermentation.
- Fermented dry on skins with up to one week post fermentation maceration.
- Basket pressed using only the free run juice for TELOS. All press fractions aged separately.
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel then racked, sulphured and returned to barrel for 22 months.
- Three rackings during ageing with blending occurring 4 months before bottling.
- Number of bottles available: 1000

TASTING NOTES:

- A wine of great precision and intensity from the first taste to the persistent finish.
- With evident complexity, exceptional balance and a well-defined structure, this is a wine that will reward patient cellaring while offering endless enjoyment now.

TECHNICAL:

- Alc. Vol%: 14.0%, R/S: 2.1g/L, T/A: 6.2g/L, pH: 3.52

Tim Atkin MW - 97 Points

The price may raise a few eyebrows in fine wine circles, but Tokara has a track record of producing very good red wines and this is definitely a world-class wine.

Blending mostly Cabernet Sauvignon with a little Malbec and Merlot, it's silky, focused and refined, more Margaux than St Estèphe, with cassis and red cherry fruit and silky tannins. An ambitious début. 2022-35

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