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FAIRVIEW**PEGLEG CARIGNAN 2018****LIMITED RELEASE**

The Basson family, who have farmed at Die Slot for three generations, were one of the first families to plant Carignan in South Africa. At 17 years of age, Cobus Basson was helping his father plant vines when a tractor overturned and rolled onto him, causing the loss of a leg. Being a man of great humour and spirit, he is affectionately known amongst local farmers as "Houtbeen" (Pegleg) Basson. Pegleg Carignan is a bold, spirited wine with enormous character and depth of flavour, oozing with the essence of soil and sunshine. Carignan has found its natural home in South Africa, producing a spicy and expressive wine. A great compliment to "Houtbeen" himself.

 Charles Back**IN THE VINEYARD:**

The Carignan grapes were picked from Bassons' bushvine vineyards in the Swartland side of the Perdeberg Mountain. It is the oldest Carignan vineyard in the country, planted in 1981. The vines grow on Malmesbury shale soils, which provide elegance to the grapes and sheer complexity to the final wine.

HARVEST DATE: Morning of 7 March 2018

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand harvested at 23.0 °B, destalked, hand sorted and lightly crushed, 20% was added as whole bunches to the bottom of the tank. Next, the grapes were fermented in a foudre with regular pump overs. The wine completed malolactic fermentation in 2nd and 3rd fill French barrels, with further maturation for 11 months. Only the best barrels were selected, lightly filtered and bottled.

TASTING NOTE:

Perfume of violets, black pepper and red cherry on the nose. The palate has flavours of fresh cranberry and baking spices with fine tannin and a savoury finish. This wine will benefit from 2 to 3 years bottle maturation.

Wine of Origin	Swartland
Alcohol	13.54%
Residual sugar	3.6 g/l
Total acid	5.5 g/l
pH	3.52
Varieties	
Carignan	100%
Closure	Natural Cork

FOOD RECOMMENDATION

Pair with game – especially ostrich fillet. A compliment to any meal.

RECOGNITION (CURRENT & PREVIOUS VINTAGES)

2015: 4 Stars - Platter's South African Wine Guide 2017

2014: 4 Stars - Platter's South African Wine Guide 2016

2009: 91 points - Tim Atkins SA Report Publication 2014