

# Legends of the Labyrinth

## The Minotaur 2017

**The Minotaur - a creature half man, half bull was the product of forbidden love between Pasiphae and Poseidon. Banished to the Labyrinth by King Minos for terrorising the Cretans, he was eventually killed by Theseus, the Athenian Hero.**



### Tasting Notes:

A Cape blend of Pinotage 50 %, Malbec 17 %, Cab Franc 17 % and Shiraz 16 %. Dark purple in colour with dark cherry, blackberry and truffle. The palate is complex with a medium to full bodied finish with generous but smooth, lingering, integrated tannins.

### Winemaker's Notes:

The wine was produced from hand picked grapes from our premium vineyards. Bunch sorting, followed by destemming and no crushing into open top barrels, fermentation lasted for 8 days with three punchdowns per day. Extended maceration post ferment for 14 days. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. Ageing in 70 % new French oak 300 l barrels lasted for 18 months after which the wine was bottled in November 2018.

### Analysis:

Alcohol:	14.42%
pH:	3.47
Total	5.7 g/l
Acidity:	
Residual	1.9 g/l
Sugar:	

### Serving Suggestion:

At home with red meat, rich sauces and particularly with game.

### Chef's Special:

Slowly cooked lamb shank with a Minotaur reduction, roast potatoes and fresh herbs.

### Awards:

The Minotaur 2007	Double Gold	Michelangelo International
	Double Gold	Veritas Awards 2009
	Gold	Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2009
		Wine Awards 2012
		Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2010
The Minotaur 2008	Silver	Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2010
The Minotaur 2009	Gold	Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2013
	4 star	John Platter Wine Guide 2013
	Silver	Decanter World Wine Awards 2013
The Minotaur 2016	Double Gold	Michelangelo International
	91 Points	Tim Atkin Report 2018
	Silver	Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2021

