

Ramnasgras Cinsault 2018

A.A. BADENHORST, SWARTLAND APPELLATION, SOUTH AFRICA



HARVEST & VINTAGE NOTES

This vineyard is located just inside the gate at the start the Badenhorst farm. This vineyard was planted in the mid 1950's on decomposed granite soils, has Southeast exposition and is 1.6 ha in extent.

The grapes are sorted meticulously in the vineyard and transported in small picking boxes to a refrigerated container, where they are left overnight to cool. The whole bunches are fermented in dodgy old wooden vats and pumped over once daily. When fermentation is almost completed, the vat is pressed and the must is moved to a big (less dodgy) foudre for 12 months. This wine was bottled directly off its gross lees immediately after MLF.

Hermitake or Cinsault has been the work horse of the South African industry, but over the last couple of decades its star has waned, in favor of Shiraz and the like. This vineyard is only occasionally bottled on its own, and 2018 was one of those years. It possesses great fruit of the red spectrum, earthiness and some lovely spice. The palate is delicious in its transparenence of fruit flavors, fair acid grip and gentle tannins.



WINEMAKER: Adi Badenhorst

GRAPES: 100% Cinsault

ALCOHOL: 12.38%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.9 g/L

TOTAL ACIDITY: 4.4 g/L (tartaric)

PH: 3.84 g/L

TOTAL SULPHUR: 83 ppm



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