

# Thief in The Night 2017

SAVAGE WINES, WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA



## HARVEST & VINTAGE NOTES

The grapes for this wine come from dry farmed bush vines in vineyards that are very close proximity to each other on the same property in the Piekenierskloof.

“At this youthful stage of evolution, the wine is more marked by the 42-year-old vine Grenache fruit than the slightly younger Cinsault. Using 70% whole cluster, fermentation was carried out in a closed tank with aerated pump overs. Malolactic fermentation occurred in old 500 liter French oak barrels, then the wine was aged for 9 months in large French oak foudre before being bottled.

The wine shows a real individuality and personality with bright fragrant violet perfume, sappy spicy peppery raspberry and redcurrant confit complexity, hints of sun raised cranberries, cured bresaola, boiled raspberry sweets and wild strawberries. The palate weight is soft and sensual, combining the best of both Grenache and Cinsault to form a harmonious, silky soft sappy red blend. The wine seems to grow exponentially in the glass, revealing layers of strawberry jam, raspberry compote and Turkish delight, all framed with bright crystalline acids that really amplify the wines purity, minerality and sense of place.

Sleek and polished tannins with a mellow fruit intensity. Despite its drinkability in youth, this is no frivolous ‘vin de soif’ and could, over time, acquire a similar cult following to that of Follow The Line. A very confident debut!



**GREG SHERWOOD MW**  
*Greg Sherwood, MW, 2017*

## SAVAGE

**WINEMAKER:** Duncan Savage

**GRAPES:** 48% Grenache,  
46% Cinsault, 6% Syrah

**ALCOHOL:** 13%

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 2.1 g/L

**PH:** 3.56

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.2 g/L

**TOTAL SULPHUR:** 99 mg/L

