

SAVAGE

2019 Follow The Line



HISTORY

Duncan Savage introduced his own label in 2011 with a goal to produce rock-solid, classic and elegant wines. Duncan sources grapes for Savage wines from maritime and high altitude sites around the Western Cape in South Africa. These small, hand-selected parcels receive a lot of love and attention throughout the growing season. Each vineyard's unique terroir contributes in its own special way to the blends.

VINIFICATION

Dry farmed 39-year-old bush vines grown in decomposed granite soils in Darling. The wine spent 3 to 5 weeks on skins, 50% as whole bunches. Ageing took place over 10 months in oval foudre ranging from 1,500-2000 litres.

TASTING NOTES

Soft seductive aromatics of crushed rose petals, spring cherry blossoms, dried lavender, a melange of red summer berry fruits and an exotic Turkish delight twist. The palate shows a compact core of bright red fruits, intense zippy red cherry Kool Aid, candied red berry notes and a super dense yet supple core of purity rarely seen on modest Cinsault. Superbly balanced, subtly piquant and saline, this wine has such a dreamy, creamy finish. Breathtaking purity of fruit and the most well honed, elegant poise to suggest that this could be one of finest expressions of Follow The Line to date. A truly profound wine.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

VARIETALS:	89% Cinsault, 11% Syrah
ALC:	13%
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	1.8 G/L
TOTAL ACIDITY:	5 G/L
PH:	3.68

SCORES

96 points, Greg Sherwood MW, 2020

94 points, Tim Atkin MW, 2021

93 points, Vinous, 2021

90 points, Wine Spectator, 2021

