

SAVAGE

2019 Thief In The Night



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 bush vines grown in sandstone derived soils in Piekenierskloof. The wine spent 2 weeks on skins, 20% as whole bunches in order to maximize the fruit's true expression. All components were picked on the same day from the same property in the Piekenierskloof and co-fermented. The blend was aged in one 3400L foudre for 11 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Translucent ruby red color, this wine is sassy and confident from the get go, showing a rich, deep, savory spicy aromatic depth of autumnal leaves, freshly cut hedge row, sappy earthy black cherry fruits and a subtle peppery broody depth. The compact signature palate's texture density and harmony is unambiguous. A seamless fruit- acid balance and a savory earthy red currant and bramble berry spice complexity asserting itself on the long, plush, polished finish.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

VARIETALS:	61% Grenache, 26% Cinsault, 13% Syrah
ALC:	13.5%
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	1.8 G/L
TOTAL ACIDITY:	4.7 G/L
PH:	3.7

SCORES

94+ points, Greg Sherwood MW, 2020

94 points, Vinous, 2021

94 points, Tim Atkin MW, 2020

93+ points, Wine Advocate, 2021

