



AA BADENHORST FAMILY WINES The Curator Red 2021



Country

South Africa

Region

Western Cape

Appellation

Swartland

Varietal Blend

36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Shiraz,
27% Mourvedre, 4% Cinsault

Winemaker

Adi Badenhorst

Alcohol Content

14%

Residual Sugar

4 g/L

Total Acidity

5.17 g/L

Total Sulphur

99 ppm

pH

3.62

HISTORY

Adi Badenhorst has the unique ability to fashion spectacular wines at all levels of the price spectrum. Adi saw tremendous potential in the under \$10 category, and thought that by adding a little more care in the vinification of the grapes while maintaining cost efficiency in production, he was able to produce beautiful wines for a very reasonable price. The Curator wines are unique blends from the fantastic library of wine parcels at Adi's disposal. The vineyards are mostly bushvines growing in granite and slate soils.

VITICULTURE/VINIFICATION

These lucky grapes are grown by 4 different farmers on a multitude of different sites, mainly granite and slate soils. The grapes are acclimatised to the Swartland and always deliver consistency in flavor and aromas when they arrive in the cellar. Vinification is simple and straightforward, it's how Badenhorst likes to keep it! Grapes are picked by hand, chilled overnight and then whole bunch pressed and fermented in concrete tanks. Minimum extraction occurs during this time to allow the fruit to be expressive. 6 months after fermentation, when things have calmed down, the wine is racked off its lees and is ready for bottling - unfinned, with a light filtration.

TASTING NOTES

The Curator Red Blend is a dynamic wine. The Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Mourvedre are the bolder, expressive components in this wine with structure and a firmness. The Cinsault temper the tannins resulting in a wine that's full bodied but easy to drink, are easy to open (another bonus) and to share!

