



# SAVAGE



## ARE WE THERE YET 2022

### BLEND

67% Syrah, 33% Touriga Nacional

### ANALYSIS

Alc. 13.3% Vol | RS 1.8g/l | pH 3.8 | TA 5.2 g/l

### ORIGIN

Malgas

### VINEYARDS

Malgas is not exactly around the corner, hence the name of the wine. Two parcels on the Sijnn property along the Breede River owned by David Trafford. The terroir is incredible, river pebble on shale. One gets the impression there is no soil, just a crunchy rocky stroll through the bush vine planted Syrah and Touriga Nacional.

### VINIFICATION

Due to the extremity of the site a lot of sorting is required, particularly with the 2022 vintage where only half the grapes were used for the wine. Perfect bunches were spontaneously fermented in open top fermenters with 10% of the Syrah left as whole bunches. Fermented grapes were basket pressed before aging in old 500L French oak barrels for 10 months.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2022 shows a bit more red fruit and spice due to the increased Syrah component. The Touriga Nacional vines were not very generous in 2022. The wine shows plums, cherries and blueberries with an underlying oyster shell salinity. Tannins are a little softer than was the case in 2021, yielding a wine that is approachable when young but will improve with age over the next 10 years.