



SAVAGE



THIEF IN THE NIGHT 2022

VARIETAL

Grenache (includes 14% Piekenierskloof Cinsault)

ANALYSIS

Alc. 13.8% Vol | RS 2.8 g/l | pH 3.75 | TA 4.5 g/l

ORIGIN

Piekenierskloof

VINEYARD

Dry farmed bush vines grown on sandstone soils at 704m above sea level. Days are extreme, nights are cool and Grenache is very happy there. We have worked with this site since 2011, canopies are more open these days as we look for more filtered light but the vineyard continues to deliver.

VINIFICATION

Grapes are meticulously sorted in the winery as whole bunches, roughly 10% is excluded from year to year. Spontaneous fermentation takes place in a combination of conical foudre and open top fermenters with 20% of the fruit being retained as whole bunches. After 2 weeks on skins the fermented grapes are basket pressed followed by 10 months in foudre and older 500L barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Slightly less aromatic than Follow the Line, Thief in the Night displays the purity and power of Grenache. Cherries, bramble, herbs and subtle spice with a savoury tension and firm chalky tannins. This 2022 is what we expect of the vineyard with a touch more texture and grip, a wine that will develop well over the next 10 years.