



# SAVAGE

## THIEF IN THE NIGHT 2023

### VARIETAL

Grenache

### ANALYSIS

Alc. 14% Vol | RS 1.9 g/l | pH 3.8 | TA 4.5 g/l

### ORIGIN

Piekenierskloof

### VINEYARD

Dry farmed bush vines grown on sandstone soils at 704m above sea level. Days are warm, 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 to increase filtered light.

### 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 10-20% of the fruit being retained as whole bunches. After 2 weeks on skins the fermented grapes are basket pressed followed by 10 months in concrete eggs 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 2023 has a touch more ripeness and is one of the most complete wines we have made courtesy of a classic vintage.

