

Storm Point

2024

RED BLEND

Western Cape - South Africa

NATURAL VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 55% Syrah – 35% Cinsault – 10% Carignan
Vineyard: Single sites in Paardeberg (half the Cinsault and all of the Syrah), Malmesbury (Cinsault), Riebeek Valley (Carignan)
Vine Age: Cinsault (Average: 25-years-old) – Syrah (Average: 30-years-old) – Carignan (45-years-old)
Soil Type: Decomposed Granite (Paardeberg) - Malmesbury Shale with Loam (Riebeek Valley) – Granitic Sand (Malmesbury)
Viticulture: Sustainable
Fermentation: Native – stainless-steel (mix of de-stemmed and whole-cluster)
Skin Contact: 7 days
Aging: 10 months in a mix of stainless and neutral oak
Alcohol: 13.7%
pH: 3.3
Total Acidity: 5.4 g/L
Total SO2: 60 ppm
Total Production: 2,500 cases
UPC: 6009803564485

About

The weathered landscape of South Africa is the result of millions of years of battering storms. Storms that stirred in the waters off of the 'Cape of Good Hope.' That name is recent as historically it was known as the 'Cabo das Tormentas' or 'Cape of Storms.' In 1488 Bartolomeu Dias made the first modern rounding of the cape. Hundreds of previous attempts were made but the rugged lands of South Africa were protected by the rough seas and punishing storms. This 'Storm Point' remains a fabled place to this day. The unruly landscape and intense growing season of the Swartland is the bedrock for this wine. The 2023 vintage was a nice one giving wines a real bright, aromatic character. The blend is made to showcase the goodness of the Rhône varieties grown in the Swartland.

Syrah serves as the canvas for the wine with Cinsaut providing bright red fruit flavors and Carignan painting the deeper colors. The grapes were hand harvested from early to mid-February and fermented partially whole cluster and partially de-stemmed. After 7 days on the skins and a gentle extraction via light pumpovers, the wine was pressed to a mix of stainless-steel and neutral oak where it aged for 10 months. It was bottled without fining and just a dose of sulfur and sheet filtration at bottling.

Tasting Note

Raspberry, black cherry, and herbes de Provence on the nose. Lively palate with plum, orange zest, bright aromatics, smooth tannins, and a refined finish.