



Van Loggerenberg Wines

2023

'GERONIMO'

Cinsault | Stellenbosch - South Africa



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Cinsault
Vineyard: Rustenhof
Vine Age: 50-years-old
Soil Type: Decomposed granite
Viticulture: Practicing organic
Fermentation: Native – stainless-steel (60% whole-cluster)
Skin Contact: 3 weeks
Aging: 8 months in neutral French 500L demi-muid
Alcohol: 12.8%
pH: 3.65
Total Acidity: 5.4 g/L
Total SO₂: 82 ppm
Total Production: 542 cases
UPC: 0700083594242

Reviews

The WineMag | 94 points
Tim Atkin MW | 93 points

About

This wine takes its inspiration from Lukas' youth in Rawsonville and conquering fears and taking that leap of faith diving from a cliff into a swimming hole. This is akin in some ways to a bird watching its siblings finally take that leap from the nest to fly for the first time. It was this parallel that defined this wine as Lukas finally following his dream and leaving the comfort of the employee/paycheck world to take the risk and shouting 'Geronimo!' when feeling that feeling of soaring freedom. This vintage, 2023, was entirely from Rustenhof Vineyard (considered a 'Grand Cru' of Stellenbosch) on decomposed granite soils. It was a vintage of great elegance and finesse.

The bushvine fruit was hand-harvested and left fully intact and were fermented roughly 60% whole-bunch in in open-top stainless-steel one-ton fermenters. The only addition to the fermentations were Lukas' hands as he performed daily punchdowns each morning over the course of the first four days, then daily pumpovers over the next ten. After three weeks, the lots were basket-pressed with the gross lees to old 500L French oak barrels. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally and after eight months of aging, the barrels were blended to tank to settle. The Cinsaut was bottled earlier than the other reds in order to maintain the piquant, crunchy fruit vibrancy unique to Cinsaut (when picked at the optimum time). The wine was bottled without fining or filtration and just a small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

Translucent light garnet. A flighty bouquet of red cherries and cranberries along with some sweeter strawberries and leaves envelop the nose with incredible precision. The palate is brisk with a salty rosewater finish.