



Intellego

2024

'THE PINK MOUSTACHE'

Red Blend | Swartland - South Africa



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 48% Cinsault - 35% Syrah - 17% Mourvèdre

Vineyard: Langkloof & Tierfontein

Vine Age: Average: 21-years-old

Soil Type: Decomposed granite & Laterite (clay)

Viticulture: Practicing organic

Fermentation: Native – plastic tanks (Cinsault) & oak barrels (Syrah & Mourvèdre)

Skin Contact: 4 days (Cinsault)

Aging: 5 months in old French barriques followed by 1 month in stainless steel for the final blend

Alcohol: 11.5%

pH: 3.71

Total Acidity: 4.9 g/L

Total SO2: 33 ppm

Total Production: 233 cases

About

Once referred to as a “party starter,” this vibrant Cinsault-Syrah-Mourvèdre blend is the perfect year-round party in a glass. It drinks more as a quaffable red than a rosé. The grapes were carefully sourced from bush vine sites in the Swartland on a mix of decomposed granite and laterite soils. The Cinsault brings this buzz of awesome flavors to the party while the Syrah contributes to the freshness and structure, and the Mourvèdre provides a subtle earthy through-line. The 2024 vintage saw whites ripening early and then a lag before the reds were ready, with slightly lower acidities than 2023 but still plenty of staying power and beautiful fruit aromas. The story behind the label is that, to Jurgen, facial hair symbolizes the three different styles of wine: red (beard), rose (clean skin) and the light red (moustache). This wine represents the lighter red style, and the word pink describes the color as it's a mix between a pink/light red. In the words of Jurgen himself, 'this wine is fun in its purest form'.

All lots were hand-picked and fermented with native yeast. The Cinsault spent four to five days on the skins and was then whole-bunch pressed to plastic bins. The Syrah and Mourvèdre were whole bunch pressed immediately to old French barriques where they fermented and aged for five months in old barriques. The different lots were then blended and aged in stainless steel for an additional month. The wine was bottled with just a small sulfur addition. No fining or filtering.

Tasting Note

Electric magenta and loud from the jump with red currant, cherry, and strawberry and a hit of herbs and cracked pepper. It's juicy up front and grippy in the back with a touch of tobacco leaf. Throw it on ice, head outside, and let it ride.

