



Wolf & Woman

2023

GRENACHE ROSÉ

Swartland - South Africa



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Grenache Noir

Vineyard: Paardeberg (80% Aprilskloof Valley - 20% Sibritskloof Valley)

Vine Age: Average: 8-years-old

Soil Type: Decomposed granite

Viticulture: Sustainable – dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native – 50% in old 500L French oak and 50% in stainless-steel (100% whole-bunch pressed)

Skin Contact: About 2.5 hours at the press

Aging: 7 months on primary lees in old French 500L oak (50%) and stainless steel (50%)

Alcohol: 11.5%

pH: 3.3

Total Acidity: 5.5 g/L

Total SO₂: 70 ppm

Total Production: 550 cases

UPC: 6009648141438

About

This Swartland rosé has a touch of Provence in its style. Jolandie sources the grapes from two valleys of the Paardeberg Mountain in the Swartland (in the Aprilskloof and Sibritskloof valleys). She does three picks in order to provide layers of fruit and freshness to the wine. The first pick is on 20°Balling which gives the energy and freshness of the wine. The second pick is around 21°B and the last pick at 22°B; these picks provide multiple layers of fruit and add complexity to the final wine. It is made in the traditional blanc de noir style – in other words, by taking the long road with a slow whole cluster pressing. This action is very gentle; there is no extraction of harsh phenolics and the stems act like a filter bed, and thus the juice is cleaner and the color extraction is minimal. Plus, fun fact: the 2020 vintage was served at the Queens Jubilee, so Jolandie now likes to call it the Royals' Rosé.

The Grenache was hand-harvested in three picks early in the morning, packed in crates and allowed to spend 24 hours in a cold room. The following day the grapes were gently whole-cluster pressed, with only the free-run juice being used and left to settle naturally for a day. No enzymes were used during the settling process and the juice was racked from the thick, gross lees, but with the fine lees intact, to half old 500L French barrels and half stainless steel. Fermentation occurred naturally and without any additions and post-primary fermentation the wine was hit with a small addition of sulfur. After a total of seven months aging the barrels were racked to tank to settle and the wine was bottled without fining or and just a coarse filtration and small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

This has a soft pink hue with fragrances of ripe strawberries, cranberry, honeydew, and jasmine. Subtle earthiness underpins its mineral essence, and delicate acidity intertwines with whispers of cucumber, leading to a serene, enduring finish.