



Van Loggerenberg Wines

2021

'LÖTTER'

Cinsaut | Western Cape - South Africa



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Cinsaut

Vineyard: Terra de Luc

Vine Age: 89-years-old

Soil Type: Clay-rich iron soils

Viticulture: Sustainable - practicing organic - dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native — stainless-steel (100% destemmed)

Skin Contact: 2 weeks

Aging: 10 months in Italian concrete

Alcohol: 12.5%

pH: 3.49

Total Acidity: 4.8 g/L

Total SO2: 70 ppm

Total Production: 213 cases

UPC: 0658325899160

Reviews

The WineMag | 93 points

Tim Atkin, MW | 95 points

About

Lukas was approached by a farmer asking if he was looking for new Cinsaut. Lukas hesitated, but when the farmer revealed the vineyard, Lukas jumped on it immediately. The Lötter Cinsaut comes from a vineyard planted in 1932 by the late Koos Lötter, making it the second oldest red wine vineyard in South Africa. Koos Lötter was fondly known in the agricultural industry as "Oom Koos." He was a lecturer of Horticultural Sciences for 23 years at Stellenbosch University, and though he may be more famously known for his grower's manual on fig production in South Africa, he was also very active in the grape industry. The passing of knowledge from one generation to the next is symbolized on the label with the image of the father teaching his son how to plant crops. This Cinsaut is truly a rarity coming from such a historic, 89-year-old vineyard.

The grapes were harvested from the Terra de Luc vineyard in Franschhoek. They were fully destemmed and fermented in stainless-steel. After a 2-week period of gentle maceration, the wine was pressed off the skins and was sent to Italian concrete eggs to age for 10 months. Bottling followed, without fining or filtering, and just a subtle addition of sulfur.

Tasting Notes

"Plums, cherries, hints of earth and modeling clay (plasticene). The palate shows good fruit density – it has a roundness about it without being weighty – while the acidity is bright and the tannins very fine." – Christian Eedes