



Van Loggerenberg Wines

2022

'HIGH HOPES'

Red Blend | Swartland - South Africa



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 88% Syrah - 9% Grenache - 3% Cinsaut

Vineyard: Ong Gund (Syrah) - Fairview (Grenache & Cinsaut)

Vine Age: 15-years old (Syrah) - 8-years-old (Grenache) - 26-years-old (Cinsaut)

Soil Type: Blue Slate (Syrah) - Iron-rich shale (Grenache and Cinsaut)

Viticulture: Practicing organic & dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native — stainless-steel (33% whole-bunch Syrah - destemmed Grenache & Cinsaut)

Skin Contact: 6 weeks (Syrah) - 3 weeks (Grenache & Cinsaut)

Aging: 10 months in a foudre (Syrah) and 300L old French oak (Grenache & Cinsaut)

Alcohol: 13.7%

pH: 3.77

Total Acidity: 5.1 g/L

Total SO₂: 65 ppm

Total Production: 625 cases

UPC: 0658325899153

Reviews

The WineMag | 93 points

Jancis Robinson | 16.5+ points

Tim Atkin, MW | 93 points

About

'High Hopes' is a very approachable red-berried Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault blend from dry-farmed Swartland vineyards. The name is one that was stuck in Lukas's head for years, and he knew that when the time was right, he'd name a wine after it. When Covid hit, the name took on a whole new meaning, and finally, he had a red blend perfectly poised to bear this moniker. High Hopes is a call for optimism, and the label imparts a sense of adventure and starting something new. Anyone who's ever fly fished before knows you start the day with really high hopes of catching dinner. Hot air ballooners? Up that high, all you have is hope. This red blend is one that just seems to lift the spirits. The Van Loggerenberg wines are pretty darn good at that.

The grapes were harvested manually and brought into the cellar for destemming, though one third of the Syrah remained as whole bunches. Each variety was vinified separately. Fermentation occurred spontaneously with native yeasts, and after a two week maceration period, the Grenache and Cinsault were pressed off the skins. The Syrah remained on the skins for an additional four weeks. The Cinsaut and Grenache went to old French oak and the Syrah went to a foudre for a 10 month aging period. The wines were then blended and bottled without fining or filtering, and with a small sulfur addition.

Tasting Notes

There's a real savory undertone to this unassuming red blend. The nose reveals black pepper, olive, cherry, and blackberry, and on the palate, the same flavors blend with brightness and crunch.