



Riverine Wines

2021

RED

Swartland - South Africa



BIODYNAMIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 85% Syrah - 15% Grenache
Vineyard: Knolfontein (Riebeeck West)
Vine Age: 10-years-old
Soil Type: Coffee rock, shale and granite
Viticulture: Certified biodynamic – dry-farmed
Fermentation: Inoculated – stainless-steel (100% whole-berry)
Skin Contact: 10 days
Aging: 8 months in stainless-steel
Alcohol: 13.4%
pH: 3.57
Total Acidity: 5.1 g/L
Total SO2: 97 ppm
Total Production: 1,100 cases
UPC: 6009879826883

About

Putting wine into a can is still a pretty new trend, and putting red wine into a can is even newer. Francois Haasbroek, the Riverine winemaker, wanted to make an approachable red wine that could be enjoyed like his other two Riverine canned wines: in a portable, lightweight vessel perfect for outings on the beach, BBQs, and pretty much anywhere else you'd crack open a beer. Putting wine in a can does not mean that the wine is inherently poor quality – far from it. For Riverine, the wine remains the priority. They achieve this by sourcing excellent fruit from excellent vineyards, and lots and lots of time spent doing R&D on canned wine shelf-life stability. This Syrah-dominant blend is sourced from vineyards in West Riebeeck (Swartland) where bushvines are grown on koffiekliip, shale, and granite. And since a portion of sales goes to protecting the Riverine Rabbit, what more could you want from your canned wine?

Grapes were hand harvested and de-stemmed. Without being crushed, grapes were placed into stainless steel vats where they completed fermentation at 73 degrees F over the course of 10 days, with regular pump overs for better color and skin tannin extraction. The wines remained in their fermentation vessels for 8 months before being fined, filtered, and bottled in proprietary cans with just small dosage of sulfur for good measure.

Tasting Notes

Red plums, black cherries, and bay leaves appear on the palate, with retronasal wafts of black pepper, lavender, and fynbos. Very juicy and supple, with easy-going tannins. Try chilling it slightly in the summertime!