



Mother Rock

2022

'FORCE CELESTE' ROSÉ

Swartland - South Africa



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Cinsault

Vineyard: Single site near Malmesbury

Vine Age: 47-years-old

Soil Type: Ferricrete

Viticulture: Practicing Organic – dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native – 100% whole-bunch pressed to stainless steel and an old 500L French puncheon

Skin Contact: None - just at the press

Aging: 12 months in neutral 500L French puncheon

Alcohol: 10.5%

Residual Sugar: 1.3 g/L

pH: 3.45

Total Acidity: 7.5 g/L

Total SO₂: 43 ppm

Total Production: 583 cases

About

The 'Mother Rock' series of wines is all about showcasing the nuance and greatness of the Swartland through a very minimalist touch of Johan Meyer, AKA Stompie. 'Force Celeste' comes from the Latin 'caelestis' meaning 'heavenly sky.' It refers to the greater force out there that gives unique variation from year to year. The 2022 vintage comes from an older block than past vintages; the Cinsault was planted in 1976 on ferricrete in the Malmesbury region of the Swartland.

The bunches were hand-picked in mid-January and left fully intact to be lightly whole-bunch pressed to stainless steel and an old 500L French oak puncheon. Fermentation commenced without any additions and with full gross lees in barrel. After four weeks, the wine was dry, and it was racked to old French oak for 12 months of aging. The barrels were then racked to tank and the wine was bottled without fining or filtration and just a small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

Light salmon pink in color. The nose evokes strawberries, raspberries, potting soil, and cinnamon. The palate is bright, with significantly more acid than last vintage, but balanced by roundness and good length.