



Intellego

2020

'KEDUNGU'

Red Blend | Swartland - South Africa



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 38% Syrah - 31% Mourvèdre - 22% Cinsault - 9% Pinotage

Vineyard: Wijnhuis Vineyard (Paardeberg - Cinsault & Mourvèdre) - Remhoogte Vineyard (Riebeek Kasteel - Syrah) - (Paardeberg - Pinotage)

Vine Age: 47-years-old (Pinotage)

Soil Type: Aerolean sand & gravel (Cinsault & Mourvèdre) - Ferricrete & granite (Syrah) - Decomposed granite (Pinotage)

Viticulture: Practicing organic - dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native - stainless-steel (100% whole-cluster / semi-carbonic) / finishes in barrel

Skin Contact: 8 days

Aging: 9 months in neutral 225L and 500L French barrels followed by 1 month in stainless steel

Reviews

The WineMag | 92 points

About

The Kedungu red blend is named after a surf break in Bali that Jurgen first experienced in 2014. While shredding his first wave with his good friend Paul Jordaan (winemaker at Sadie Family Wines and Paulus Wine Co.), Jurgen felt an overwhelming feeling of euphoria, and it is that same state that he wants drinkers of this fine elixir to experience while enjoying 'Kedungu'. This wine is made up of various characters throughout the Swartland and is representative of Jurgen's vision and deft touch, along with the diversity of the Swartland. 2020 marks the first vintage that Pinotage enters the frame and is also the lightest and yet most complex 'Kedungu' to date.

The dry-farmed bush vines were established between 1988 and 2001 on various rootstocks, due to the varying soil types. The three components were hand-harvested and fermented separately with most components carbonically and others open-top semi-carbonic. The lots were pressed directly to neutral 225L and 500L French barrels where they rested for nine months before being blended and racked to stainless steel for an additional month of aging. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered and with a small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

Byzantium in color. Aromas of red and black berries along with wild herbs, a touch of earthiness and hint of black pepper persist. The palate has a lot of energy and is light-bodied in weight but not in intensity. There is a tart fruit acidity that brings the wine to a long and persistent finish.