



Intellego

2021

'THE PINK MOUSTACHE'

Red Blend | Swartland - South Africa



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 48% Cinsault - 33% Syrah - 19% Mourvèdre

Vineyard: Langkloof (Cinsault) - Hillside (Syrah) - Nyani (Mourvèdre)

Vine Age: 12-years-old (Cinsault) - 14-years-old (Syrah) - 15-years-old (Mourvèdre)

Soil Type: Granite and ferricrete

Viticulture: Practicing organic - dry farmed

Fermentation: Native - whole-bunch for 4 days on skins in open plastic tank (Cinsault) - direct press and fermented in 225L French oak barrels (Syrah & Mourvèdre)

Skin Contact: 4 days (Cinsault)

Aging: 5 months in old French barriques followed by 6 weeks in stainless steel for the final blend

Alcohol: 11%

pH: 3.53

Total Acidity: 6.2 g/L

Total SO2: 25 ppm

Total Production: 458 cases

Reviews

The WineMag | 92 points

About

(BE WARNED - IT'S MORE OF A QUAFFABLE AND SMASHABLE RED THAN A ROSÉ - AND IS HIGHLY ADDICTIVE) - Once referred to as a "party starter" this vibrant Cinsault-Syrah-Mourvèdre blend is the perfect year round party in a glass! The grapes were carefully sourced from bush vine sites in the Swartland on a mix of granite and ferricrete soils. The ferricrete sedimentary rock is renowned for higher levels of iron and water retention beneficial for dry farmed conditions. Syrah flourishes in this type of environment.

All lots were hand-picked and fermented with native yeast. The Cinsault spent four days on the skins and was then whole-bunch pressed to stainless steel. The Syrah and Mourvèdre were whole bunch pressed immediately to old French barriques where they fermented and aged for six months in old barriques. The Cinsault brings this buzz of awesome flavors to the party while the Syrah contributes to the freshness and structure, and the Mourvèdre provides a subtle earthy through-line. After five months the lots were blended and aged in stainless steel for an additional six weeks. In the words of Jurgen himself, 'this wine is fun in its purest form'.

Tasting Note

This is a grown-up, far more serious version of fruit squash. Redcurrants and strawberries with a touch of lemongrass, pink peppercorns, and the subtlest hint of tobacco, this is a wine you want to dump in an ice bucket and take to the park.