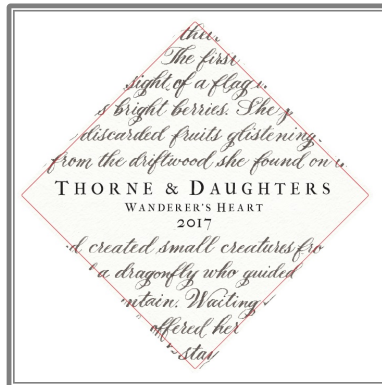




THORNE & DAUGHTERS 'WANDERER'S HEART' CAPE RED BLEND

WESTERN CAPE - SOUTH AFRICA



THE WINE

In the middle of 2016 John & Tasha commissioned a writer friend to write a series of short children's stories about growing up on the Cape, and used those stories as the inspiration for the names for the red wines.

This is a wine that features many of the best sites around the Cape. Not being held to a singular place, it really shines as layers of soils, grapes and climates meld. Each site is hand-picked and fermented separately. The Grenaches were fermented approximately 2/3 whole bunch and the Mourvèdre was roughly 1/3 whole bunch. The Cinsault was entirely destemmed as it has the tendency to have elevated pH levels, even at lower alcohols. Post-ML the blends are trialed and finalized, being racked to barrel where a hit of SO₂ is given. After 10 months it is racked to tank to be bottled without a fining or filtration.

THE STATS

Vintage	2017
Grapes	59% Grenache - 33% Cinsault - 8% Mourvèdre
Vineyard	2 Sites in Swartland & 1 in Bot River (Grenache) - 1 site in Stellenbosch & 1 in Darling (Cinsault) - 1 site in Bot River (Mourvèdre)
Viticulture	Practicing Organic
Soil Type	Porous Clay (Voor Paardeberg (Swartland) - Grenache) - Rocky Granite (Paardeberg (Swartland) - Grenache) - Shale over Clay (Bot River - Grenache) - Granitic Sand (Bottleary (Stellenbosch) - Cinsault) - Granitic Loam (Darling - Cinsault) - Gravelly Loam over Hard Clay (Bot River - Mourvèdre)
Vine Age	Averages: Grenache (9-years-old) - Cinsault (37-years-old) - Mourvèdre (10-years-old)
Fermentation	Native - ≈ 45% whole-cluster
Aging	10 months in neutral French barrique
Alcohol	13.1%
pH	3.52
Total Acidity	5.9 g/L
Total SO²	70 ppm
Production	700 cases

THE PRESS

Tim Atkin (Tim Atkin, MW) | 96 points (White Wines of the Year)
Vinous (Neal Martin) | 91 points
Wine Mag (Christian Eedes) | 93 points