



Wolf & Woman

2022

GRENACHE ROSÉ

Swartland - South Africa



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Grenache Noir

Vineyard: Eikelaan Vineyard
(Paardeberg)

Vine Age: 6-years-old

Soil Type: Decomposed granite

Viticulture: Practicing organic – dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native – 70% in old 500L French oak and 30% in stainless-steel (100% whole-bunch pressed)

Skin Contact: About 2.5 hours at the press

Aging: 6 months in old French 500L oak (70%) and stainless steel (30%)

Alcohol: 12.3%

pH: 3.25

Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L

Total SO₂: 60 ppm

Total Production: 366 cases

UPC: 6009648141438

Reviews

Jancis Robinson | 16.5 points

Tim Atkin, MW | 91 points

About

This Swartland rosé has a touch of Provence in its style. 2020 was the first vintage for this wine and was Jolandie's first foray into the young bushvines of the Eikelaan Vineyard on the Paardeberg. She was thrilled with the first two releases so she decided to grow production nominally. The wine is made in the traditional blanc de noir style – in other words, by taking the long road with a slow whole cluster pressing. This action is very gentle; there is no extraction of harsh phenolics and the stems act like a filter bed, and thus the juice is cleaner and the color extraction is minimal.

The Grenache was hand-harvested early in the morning, packed in crates and allowed to spend 24 hours in a cold room. The following day the grapes were gently whole-cluster pressed, with only the free-run juice being used and left to settle naturally for a day. No enzymes were used during the settling process and the juice was racked from the thick, gross lees, but with the fine lees intact, to old 500L French barrels (70%) and stainless steel (30%). Fermentation occurred naturally and without any additions and post-primary fermentation the wine was hit with a small addition of sulfur. After a total of six months aging the barrels were racked to tank to settle and the wine was bottled without fining or and just a coarse filtration and small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

Pale watermelon in color. Aromas of red cherries, pomegranate, melon, orange blossom and wild roses. The core of the wine is quite crispy and rocky with hints of celery and pale watermelon flavors. Quietly flavorful.