



# RIVERINE

Swartland - South Africa

## Background

Francois Haasbroek and Jaap Pijl are two unlikely characters to have been South Africa's first canned wine producers. Francois, of Blackwater Wines, is an umpteenth generation South African whose winemaking style is rooted in the traditional camp. Jaap is a Dutch accountant by trade, working primarily with large wineries over the years. Together, they launched Renegade Wines, which is the parent project that encompasses Riverine. Their idea is simple: to put serious wine in cans. Most canned wines on the market today are "cheap" (cheap wine in a cheap vessel made from cheap fruit). But Francois sees it the other way around. They just "put wine in packaging that makes sense." Bridging the gap between old school and new wave, Francois makes varietally correct wines from extremely carefully sourced fruit and ferments them with native yeast. The Chenin Blanc and Rosé come from certified biodynamic sites, and the former is also from a Certified Old Vine Heritage Vineyard. In few instances will you find wine this serious in a can.

## Highlights

- 1 Riverine is VSI's first foray into canned wine, and is also South Africa's first-ever canned wine project by Francois Haasbroek of Blackwater Wines.
- 2 Certified old vines + organic/biodynamic farming is quite unusual for a wine at this price point, and certainly in a can!
- 3 This eco-friendly project donates a percentage of sales to support conservation efforts for the Western Cape's threatened Riverine rabbit.

## Wines

SRP \$5 per 250 mL can



### Chenin Blanc

From 35+-year-old certified biodynamic and certified Old Vine Heritage vineyards. Varietally-correct and mineral.

### Rosé

100% whole-bunch Grenache from a certified biodynamic site in the Swartland. Fruity & herbal.

### Red

A supple, easy-going, Syrah-Grenache blend dominated by the former. 100% de-stemmed.



## Ethos



BIODYNAMIC

VEGAN

## Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

## Provenance

District  
Swartland

Region  
Coastal

