

Thousand Hills

2023

VINEYARD

GRAPES	Grenache noir
YEAR of PLANTING	2000
SOIL TYPE	Red iron ferricrete with underlying clay
VINE FORM	Dry farmed bush vines
APPELLATION	Swartland (Malmesbury)

WINE ANALYSIS

ALCOHOL	14.02 %
RESIDUAL SUGAR	1.6 g/L
TOTAL ACID	5.2 g/L
pH	3.75

ABOUT THE WINE

This vineyard was planted using material (selection massale) from an old vineyard planted north of the Swartland. These vines don't overcrop (as Grenache can do) and is completely at home in these hot and dry conditions. This wine showcases a powerful tannic structure, lots of spice and transfers a lot of the characteristics of the iron content found in the soil into the glass.

We produce red wines that come from bigger berry varieties, jokingly referred to by some locals as "farmer's grapes". They may not be sexy, but they farm well, produce economically viable crops under dryland conditions and are unapologetically lighter in style

VINIFICATION

Harvesting took place in the morning and the grapes were transported to the winery where it spent a night in a cold room. The grapes fermented naturally and were kept as whole bunches. It remained on the skins for approximately 20 days before it was basket pressed. After malolactic fermentation the wine was transferred to old 500L barrels where it spent 10 months in barrel before bottling.

Total production

788 bottles

