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Swerwer, Sémillon Rooi-Groen Swartland (2019)

Producer	Swerwer
Distributor	Blue Crane Imports
Category	Wine - Still - White
Grape variety	Sémillon
Region	Western Cape, South Africa
Subregion	Coastal Region
Appellation	Swartland
Vintage	2019
Alcohol by volume	13.0%

Sizes

750 mL × 12 — SW-RG-75-19



Distributor's notes

Semillon was historically one of the most important varieties and was widely planted in South Africa. Over time a natural mutation started developing in old vineyards resulting in vines with red/pink pigmented grapes. This is referred to by farmers as Rooi-Groendruif or simply 'Rooi-Groen'. This once-common sight is now almost forgotten as many old vineyards were uprooted in the past century.

From an old 1963 vineyard, plant material was selected of a few vines yearly showing this mutation. Over a ten year period, this material was propagated and re-selected to be rooted as the first Semillon 'gris' vineyards in South Africa and according to research, the world, as it is rarely found anywhere else. Planted on deep loam on the valley floor, this vineyard has access to moisture in the driest of years.

Experimentation is an ongoing exercise to help understand how to emphasise the characteristics of the variety in the best natural way. Since colour and flavour is situated in the skins, fermentations are done with different durations of skin contact. This could vary from a couple of days before or during ferment, to twenty days post ferment. The results are analyzed, tasted and blended having complex flavors and texture as result. No fining or filtration and low sulphur content.

Swerwer, translated as "wanderer", is Jasper Wickens, and the owner/winemaker has found his place in the Paardeberg region of the Swartland. After a decade working for Adi Badenhorst, Jasper is on his own with the Swerwer brand. Originally started as a way to impress his girlfriend, successfully, they now team as viticulturist and winemaker for one of the most exciting young projects in the country. Situated within the diversity of the Paardeberg Mountain, Jasper is demonstrating the potential of what was formerly considered an unremarkable wine region; the combination of his touch with farming, the existence of old bush vines on granite soil, and his winemaking philosophy of whole bunch press, wild yeasts, old French wood, and maturation on gross lees is dramatically changing that perspective.

About the product

The wine has pale gold to red copper tones. The nose invites with aromas of wild blossoms, stone fruits and a wet stone-like flintiness. Flavours of peach, nectarine, hottentots fig, persimmon and a touch of ginger fill the textured palate and linger with soft acidity. Finishing slightly savoury with a light tannin structure. Unique and special.

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