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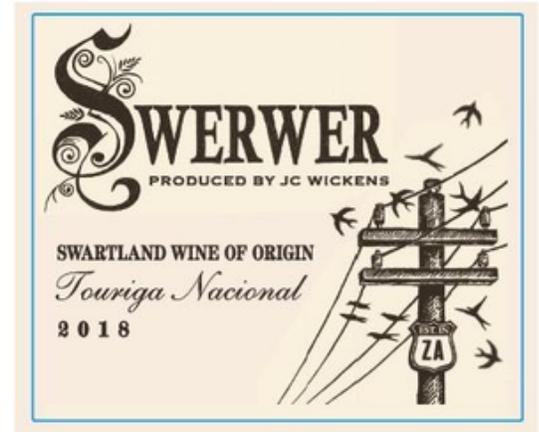
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Swerwer, Touriga Nacional Swartland (2019)

Producer	Swerwer
Distributor	Blue Crane Imports
Category	Wine - Still - Red
Grape variety	Touriga Nacional
Region	Western Cape, South Africa
Subregion	Coastal Region
Appellation	Swartland
Vintage	2019
Alcohol by volume	12.5%

Sizes

750 mL x 12 — SW-TN-75-19



Distributor's notes

The Paardeberg Mountain rises above the rolling wheat fields on the southern border of the Swartland. Approximately 80km north of Cape Town, the climatic conditions changes to become warmer and drier. Since the 1700's this region was identified to be superior for the production of fortified wines such as Ports and Sherries, and varieties like Touriga Nacional and Tinta Barocca was therefore already established.

The decision to work with Touriga Nacional came naturally as it is a variety that thrives in hot and dry conditions. The vineyard was planted in 2007 on deep, sandy, granitic soils with a north westerly aspect. A hot slope, but it still enjoys cool shady mornings as a result of the steep valley. The Touriga fares exceptionally well with great balance in small bunches with small, concentrated berries. The grape has a natural high acidity and low pH which is perfect for these climatic condtions. Raisining or sunburn is seldom a problem.

Small batch natural ferments with mostly whole bunches. Light extractions with one or two punch-downs daily. Early pressing, with a maximum of five days on skins post ferment. The result of this is maximum aromatics, and an elegant juicy palate. An eleven month maturation follows in big, old seasoned oak barrels. The wine is bottled without fining and only a light filtration.

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

Deep, dark in colour with a red/purple rim. Rich aromas of juicy, fresh berry fruits and floral notes of violets and lavender fields. Complex flavours of blueberry and purple and black forest fruits with a dense palate and a bright, succulent fresh finish. It has the raw, tight tannic structure of a more natural approach. A wine that reveals the naked identity of Touriga Nacional with uncompromising character.

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