



THE
SADIE FAMILY
RELEASE

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VINEYARDS



Location

Swartland – Riebeecksrivier



Grapes

Cinsaut / Hermitik (*South African synonym*)



Ageing

12 months old foudre



Soils

Iron Rich Slate Formations and decompositions thereof.

TECHNICAL DETAILS



Yield

28 hl/ha



Alcohol

13%



Residual Sugar

1,6 g/L



pH

3,33



Total Acidity

5,45 g/L



Total Sulphur

76 mg/L



POFADDER

2021

VINIFICATION | In the late 19th century, and much of the 20th, Cinsaut was the workhorse red variety that played an undeclared role in some great red blends. It was an obvious candidate for inclusion in any historical edition of wine, although it poses many challenges in the vineyard as well as in the cellar, including the difficulty of keeping yields down and attaining perfect ripeness, plus its very oxidative character. Simply put: one has to tread very carefully with all aspects of the cultivation and the production of Cinsaut but it does come with great reward if all is in check.

We basically fill the concrete tanks whole cluster to about 50% and then destem 50% to get some juice in the tank to have the initiation of fermentation. The fermentation is for about 30 days on the skins and then we press the grapes in an old basket press.

AGEING | After pressing the wine is transferred into some 28 year old conical wooden casks that do not impart any wooden flavours and the age and the saturation of the wooden staves also make for a very slow reaction of the resultant wine with oxygen. The wine is left on the lees for 11 months and then racked to another concrete tank for an additional month to settle clean. Two weeks prior to bottling we add 60mg/Litre of sulphur and bottle the wine from the fine lees.

NOTES | One of the most fascinating aspects of Cinsaut is the depth of texture and the load of tannin that this big berry grape holds, for as a norm one will expect this level of depth and texture and tannin on the smaller, berries varieties – but Cinsaut is a complete enigma in this regard. The wine may hold massive volumes of bright-red fruit and lifted aromatics; and upon smelling the wine the expectation is that it would be very soft on the pallet – but then firm tannins are met.

The 2021 Pofadder opens up with darker and deep earthy aromas, and in many ways, the wine displays a much deeper departure than just bright red fruit. The red aromas and spicy notes only develop later in the smell, and then it quickly migrates into darker deep red fruit. The aromas are incredibly clean and bright, and it is almost as if this layer of earthy aromas is sitting on top of the very fresh strawberry fruit aromas. The tannins are firm, and wine will undoubtedly benefit from ageing, but it is delicious already; it will be a struggle!