

NAUDÉ OLD VINES RANGE

CINSAULT 2014

A wise old Greek winemaker once told me: “Your job is to take a photo of this vineyard (ecosystem) and put that in a bottle”

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BACKGROUND

Composition:	100% Cinsault
Wine of Origin:	Western Cape
Vineyards:	Darling



CLIMATE / SEASON

The harvest began later than usual, due to late, cold winter conditions and a cooler spring. But once the warmer February came, it accelerated, and everything practically ripened in a space of 3 weeks.

WINEMAKING & VINIFICATION

For many years Cinsault was the step child of the South African wine industry. Being one of the parents of Pinotage, the cultivar was neglected and never had the chance to show its potential. I was fortunate enough to find this beautiful Old Vine Cinsault on a farm just outside of Darling. This block was so well looked after and never cropped. When we got the opportunity to use these grapes that were previously sold top co-ops for blending, we were astounded by what they could produce.

- The secret of this block is the pick date – regular visits to the vineyard, tasting the grapes and understand the correct day to pick
- Picked in small crates and left overnight in a cold room to bring the temp to 10 deg Celsius
- The challenge is understanding the current vintage conditions to balance whole bunch, destemming and adding stalks (tannin)
- A combination of whole bunch, destemmed grapes and stalks go into a stainless-steel tank and are left until natural ferment starts
- One to two soft pump overs per day, it was left for 2 weeks, pressed and transferred into older 225l French oak barrels (min oxidation during the process)
- Barrel aging for 12 – 15 months

ANALYSIS: Alc 13.5% | RS 1.5 | TA 5.5 | pH 3.462

AGEING POTENTIAL

This wine was released in 2015 and because of minimal interference and no additions, except for some sulphites, this classic wine has the potential to age for 30+ years.

RATINGS & ACCOLADES

‘The 2014 made waves on the Cinsault scene and its broad shoulders and powerful guise’ **Wine Cellar**

‘This made me grin with glee! Crammed with flavour, it’s a dazzling future classic!’
Olly Smith

‘Naude Old Vines Cinsault 2014’ Dusty, musky perfume rises out the glass, showing nuances of rose petals and strawberries. Pithy, garrigue herby notes develop. Palate is fleshy, mid weight, suave and seamless with precise tannins, harmonious elegance and a lovely jasmine, rhubarb crumble finish (95/100)’ **Greg Sherwood UK**

