



## IMPRESS ROUGE 2018

**Vintage:** 2018

**ABV:** 14.5%

**Cultivars:** Shiraz (70%), Cabernet Sauvignon (20%), Pinotage (10%)

**Style:** Rich ripe and robust, wooded

**Wine of origin:** Swartland, South Africa

**Vineyards:** Grapes are sourced from vineyards in the Swartland region and from the Fairtrade farm, Rheeboksfontein. The vineyards are trellised and grow primarily on shale and quartz soils. Planted in 1993 the vineyards are meticulously farmed to ensure that yields are managed down to below 8 tons per hectare. Harvesting took place during the second week of March.

**Winemaking:** The grapes are machine harvested and cold soaked for 24 hours. Fermentation is initiated using selected yeast strains and is kept under 26°C. Malolactic fermentation is completed in stainless steel tanks, thereafter the wine is matured for 6 months in French and American oak 225ltr medium toasted barrels.

**Tasting notes:** Juicy ripe plum and black cherries on the plate, with aromas of spice and freshly cracked black pepper to the fore. Medium to full bodied with a refreshing, fruity aftertaste.

**ABV: 14.5% pH:3.53 RS: 2.6 TA:5.78**

**Decanter Wine Awards: 93 points**

