badenhorst CURATOR ROSÉ

100% Cinsault. Red plums, berries, grapefruit & mint. Fresh, creamy, saline minerality. A slight, pleasant bitterness on the long finish. Perfect as an aperitif or with a cold picnic spread.

The winery is located on Kalmoesfontein farm, on a mountain range which is a granite outcrop in the Paardeberg area in Swartland district of South Africa, where 3 distinctive types of granitic soil are found. The soils are extremely old and considered by many to be "low potential" as vine growth is not as luxuriant as in other areas. Yields are quite low. No irrigation is used as the soils have the potential to store a good

amount of water and slowly release during the growing season. Winters tend to be cold and wet, otherwise, the weather is pretty much Mediterranean. Curator is a spectacular yet affordable fashioned by Adi Badenhorst, together with Broadbent Selections. Most of the grapes for this wine are grown on Kalmoesfontein in the granite soils. The rest of the grapes are from neighboring vineyards with whom Badenhorst works closely with in the Coastal Region of South Africa's wild west coast. Badenhorst likes to keep it simple and straightforward. Grapes are picked by hand, chilled overnight and then pressed tosettling tanks overnight. The following day, the wine is drawn off into fermentation tanks. It was clarified naturally with a minimal rough filtration, so it may throw a slight deposit over time which of course is harmless.

Andre Adriaan Badenhorst's grandfather was the general manager at Groot Constantia for 46 years. His father was born there. Adi grew up between the vineyards and spent his time picking (stealing) grapes. He made his first wine with Jean Daneel at 13. Adi studied at Elsenburg and went on the work harvest at Chateau Angelus & Alain Graillot in France, Wither Hills in NZ, and locally at Simonsig, Steenberg & Groote Post. He spent 9 years as winemaker at the esteemed Stellenbosch estate, Rustenberg. In 2008, Adi and his cousin Hein (aka The handsome cousins) purchased Kalmoesfontein farm in the Paardeberg area in Swartland, South Africa. Together they restored a cellar that had been neglected since the 1930's, where they now make natural wines in the traditional manner. Adi Badenhorst is an award winning winemaker, member of the Cape Winemakers Guild, founding member of the Swartland Revolution and

Swartland Independent and an ever evolving vigneron.

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