

Old Road Wine Co. The Spotted Hound Red Blend 2017

Bright red cherry in colour and flavours of plums with an earthy minerality makes for endless enjoyment after work, at a steakhouse or around a fire. Chill it or add a block of ice, as we do in summer on the farm. The palate is infused with red berries, Turkish delight and dried floral spice on the aftertaste.

A perfect partner for any Italian lamb dishes and meaty artisanal flatbreads.

variety : Sangiovese | 24% Sangiovese, 20% Shiraz, 19% Petite Syrah, 16% Grenache Noir, 16% Cinsaut, 5% Malbec

winery : Old Road Wine Co.

winemaker : .

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14 % vol rs : 3 g/l pH : . ta : 6 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

This unconventional blend is inspired by the dog's cheeky chutzpah.

There's something about the peculiar things in life that have an uncanny knack of delivering a sense of intrigue. It's those unexpected traits, the left-of-centre personalities, the colourful characters that time and again tease our attention. The very nature of a great wine is its unique ability to deliver something a little different. This set of quirky wines is a side-step into a world of unique characteristics, where individuality from the vine is celebrated through the creation of delicious distinctive wines.

The spotted hound was a cunning little character. Whenever the butcher turned his back, the hound's quirky nature would take over, and he would help himself to the finest cuts on offer.

in the vineyard : The Sangiovese is grown on the northern the slopes of the Helderberg, with the Shiraz and Malbec, Petite Syrah, Grenache and Cinsaut all originating from Agter-Paarl. The Cinsaut and Grenache are bush vine cultivated. The soils these vineyards grow in are mostly weathered granite, which imparts excellent minerality to the fruit.

in the cellar : In the cellar, the individual components spent 8 months in the finest 2nd and 3rd fill oak barrels, whereafter they were blended. The result is a wine that shows a slight saltiness on the nose with hints of soft cardamom spice.

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