

Warwick Professor Black Pitch Black 2018

Beautiful bright purple in colour. Strawberries and blueberries jump out of the glass with the initial nose, followed by rosemary and hints of spice. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins and more fruit to follow. Dark chocolate, dried berries, and plums carry the through supported by bright acidity. Ready to enjoy now, but will develop well over the next three to seven years.

Classic roast lamb or slow cooked oxtail

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, 7% Cinsault, 6% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot

winery : Warwick Wine Estate

winemaker : JD Pretorius

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.88 g/l pH : 3.54 ta : 5.83 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **wooded**

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

Many folk may not know that, in the 1970s, South Africa produced world-famous red blends comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cinsault, which combined the finesse of Cinsault with the power of Cab. The Pitch Black blend is our #retro tribute to this Golden Age.

in the cellar : A Classical blend inspired by the wines that came from the Simonsberg in the middle of the previous century. Traditional Bordeaux varieties mixed with Cinsault, as was the norm more than 50 years ago. All the varieties besides the Cinsault are de-stemmed and fermented on the skins for 2-3 weeks before pressing and ageing in small French oak barrels for a period of 18 months, 20% new. The Cinsault was fermented whole bunch and aged in stainless steel tanks (unwooded). Blending and a light filtration took place before bottling in July 2020

