

*Fine Wines* **FRAM** *of Exploration*

SINCE 2013

## FRAM Cinsault 2017

From deep red sandy soils tucked away in the mountains 3 hours north of Cape Town. Home to rooibos tea, many a sheep and this single vineyard block of:

1. **Cinsault** to sommeliers and people pretending to understand French
2. But **Hermitage** (pronounced **Hermitake** in the local tongue) to the farmers of South Africa.

A famous saying in the winelands of South Africa goes like this  
***“Make no mistake with Hermitake”***

and I'd like to think that you wouldn't make any mistake with this wine. Unless that mistake would be to not buy a second bottle.

The workhorse of the SA industry for a long time, until the 60s the most planted red variety, then surpassed by more fashionable and international varieties.

Making a comeback over the past 5-8 years during a time when people started looking towards wine focused on fruit, generosity and all-round drinkability.

Cinsault does well on a wide range of soils all over the Western Cape, not afraid of a warm dry summer or even a big bad wolf.

Wine fermented with 20% whole bunches, 2-week fermentation, pressed to tank and left in tank on the gross lees for 11 months.

**Zero oak.** Because of the lighter array of fruit in Cinsault it can happen that even a little bit of oak mask or clash with the very light aromatics.

2017 Vintage was on the back of an average rainfall year, the ripening season itself being quite cool, with a few evenings in Jan and Feb requiring a jersey, something that very seldom happens.

Total production **4856 bottles**

Alc : 12.9%  
 RS : 2.0 g/l  
 pH : 3.53  
 TA : 6.0 g/l (tartaric)

Pairs fabulously with other Cinsaults from all over the world, notably the Itata valley in Chile and single vineyards from California. Its foodie friends include game birds, formerly free ranging sheep and most things that can be grown in and plucked from the earth and then roasted in the oven.



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