

## TERRE BRÛLÉE Le Rouge 2018



Winemaker	Vincent Carême
Varietal Blend	60% Shiraz, 40% Cinsault
Location	South Africa
Appellation	Swartland
Alcohol Content	13.5%
TA	5.3 g/l
pH	3.59
RS	2.8 g/l

### Certifications

Integrated Production of Wines (IPW)  
Certified

### Other

Vegan Friendly

### VINEYARDS:

Vincent Carême of Domaine Vincent Carême in the Loire Valley, brings his expertise and techniques from France to Swartland in his Terre Brûlée bottlings. Vincent has found his spiritual home in South Africa where his wife Tania is from. The grapes for Le Rouge stem from two blocks of dry farmed, unirrigated vines in the Swartland. The Syrah is trellised while the Cinsault are bush vines. Situated on a gentle north facing slope, vines are 20 years old and set in soils of shale and granite.

### VINTAGE:

The harvest was approximately a week later than the norm, but the slower ripening process can be explained at the hand of less dense foliage and fewer leaves as a result of the drought. The bunches were fewer with lighter berries, and the harvest was definitely smaller, but this didn't influence the quality of the wine. It was one of the smallest harvests in South Africa since 2005, but the 2018 vintage is also known as one of the most extraordinary in recent history with exceptional quality wines being produced despite the challenges that came with the drought.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:

The Cinsault is picked early in order to impart freshness to the blend, while the Shiraz is taken at full maturity bringing structure and spiciness. Harvest was carried out completely by hand in the early morning hours. Grapes were selected and crushed (20% whole bunch) and underwent a natural fermentation process. The wine received skin contact for a period of 20 days and was matured for twelve months in stainless steels tanks.

### TASTING NOTES:

Crafted with a French flair, Le Rouge expresses lavish dark berries and blackcurrant with smooth and refined tannins. This blend exhibits a palate that is elegant and refreshing, with a marked balance appealing to crowds.

