

FACT SHEET



Painted Wolf Wines supports the conservation of the highly endangered painted wolf (African wild dog) and the protection of the diminishing wild spaces of Africa, through its donations to the EWT – www.ewt.org.za and Tusk – www.tusk.org.

Guillermo Pinotage 2018

W.O. SWARTLAND

CULTIVARS

Pinotage 100%

ANALYSIS

Alc:13.38% | R.S 2.2g/l | TA 5.6g/l | pH 3.53

AWARDS

Platter's Wine Guide 2020: 4.5 stars

Decanter World Wine Awards 2020: Silver

Tim Atkin South Africa Report 2020: 90 points



TASTING NOTES

A bright, vibrant wine with spicy red berry fruit, evident ripe tannins and a lingering, flavour-packed finish.

AGEING POTENTIAL

This wine drinks well in youth but will improve over time, gaining additional complexity for at least six to eight years from vintage.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from two sites in the Swartland: the organically-certified Kasteelsig vineyard which is owned by Painted Wolf pack member Billy (Guillermo) Hughes, and Werdie farm between Malmesbury and Darling. The sites are primarily red Glenrosa soil with some Oakleaf - both shale rich duplex soils and these vines are not irrigated. Yields are round 6.5 tons to the hectare.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-picked into small baskets and taken to the cellar. A portion was fermented in open bins and hand-punched four times a day. The rest was fermented in a rototank. No commercial yeast was used as these grapes ferment well with their own yeast. The wine matured in a mixture of French and American oak barrels for 14 months. Approximately 30% was new wood.

Total production 8,400 bottles.

THE STORY OF THIS WINE

'Guillermo' Pinotage is named after our good friend Billy 'Guillermo' Hughes. He was among the first investors in our winemaking and conservation adventure, trading grapes for shares in Painted Wolf. Billy is an uncompromising exponent of organic and naturally farmed grapes with a keen interest in biodynamics. For a few vintages our winemaker Jeremy helped Billy make his Nativo wines. From 2013, Kasteelsig vineyard has been organically certified.

Our friend Jenny Metelerkamp produced the fine ink drawing for the label.