
FACT SHEET



Painted Wolf Wines supports the conservation of the highly endangered painted wolf (African wild dogs) 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.

Lycaon Grenache 2015

W.O. SWARTLAND

CULTIVARS

Grenache 90% | Shiraz 5% | Pinotage 5%

ANALYSIS

Alc: 13.11% | R.S: 2.5g/l | T.A: 5.3g/l | Ph: 3.60

TASTING NOTES

A lovely rich mélange of sweet and crunchy red berry fruit, subtle pepper spice flavours, and aromas harmonized with sweet oak. This is an elegant wine with a gorgeous silky palate and a spicy finish.

AGEING POTENTIAL

This wine should age gracefully and drink well for up to 10 years from vintage.

THE VINEYARD

The grapes are from the organically-certified Kasteelsig vineyard, owned by Painted Wolf pack member Billy (Guillermo) Hughes. Soil is red Glenrosa with some Oakleaf – shale-rich duplex soils. The vineyards are not irrigated. Yields are round 6 tons per hectare.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-picked into small baskets and taken to the cellar where they were destalked and gently crushed. The wine fermented in small open bins with four punch downs a day. When totally dry, it was pressed into oak barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. The wine matured for 14 months in small French oak barrels of which roughly 30% were new. This wine was finished off with a little Pinotage and Shiraz.

Total production 2,400 bottles.

THE STORY OF THIS WINE

Lycaon comes from the scientific name for an African wild dog, Lycaon Pictus, and is derived from the Greek word Lycos for a wolf. The label illustration is from a page in an 18th century book on hunting in Southern Africa, a time when painted wolves were common throughout the region.