

# The SPOTTED HOUND

There's something about the peculiar things in life that have an uncanny knack of delivering a sense of intrigue. It's those unexpected traits, the left-of-centre personalities, the colourful characters that time and again tease our attention. The very nature of a great wine is its unique ability to deliver something a little different. This set of quirky wines is a side-step into a world of unique characteristics, where individuality from the vine is celebrated through the creation of delicious distinctive wines.

IT'S A  
DOG'S LIFE.

## 2018 Red Blend

The spotted hound was a cunning little character. Whenever the butcher turned his back, the hound's quirky nature would take over, and he would help himself to the finest cuts on offer.

## Tasting Info

This daring, exotic blend consists of Grenache Noir (24%); Mouvedre (65%); and Pinot Noir (11%). The Grenache Noir is from the Agter-Paarl and bush vine cultivated. Hand-picked at optimal ripeness from selected vineyards, also in the Agter-Paarl region, the Mouvedre grapes are specially sourced for their soft, juicy tannins and opulent fruit flavours. Our Pinot Noir comes from cool climate Elgin adding a touch of elegance to the wine. The soils these vineyards grow in are mostly weathered granite, which imparts excellent minerality to the fruit.

In the cellar, the individual components spent 8 months in the finest 2nd and 3rd fill oak barrels, whereafter they were blended. The result is a wine that shows a slight saltiness on the nose with hints of soft cardamom spice. The palate is infused with red berries, Turkish delight and dried floral spice on the aftertaste. A perfect partner for any Italian lamb dishes and meaty artisanal flatbreads.

**"This unconventional blend is inspired by the dog's cheeky chutzpah. Bright red cherry in colour and flavours of plums with an earthy minerality makes for endless enjoyment after work, at a steakhouse or around a fire. Chill it or add a block of ice, as we do in summer on the farm." - Winemaker's Note**

