



SAVAGE

2024 RELEASE

2024 marks the 12th release from Savage Wines. A release focussed on the 2023 vintage with one 2022 in the form of Savage Red. We continue to operate from our city home in Salt River, developing and farming parcels of vines in various locations around the Western Cape.

2023 was a Jekyll and Hyde vintage. The season was generally cool throughout and looked to be very good. We had around 20mm of rain in December and again in early February, perfect timing for the early to medium term ripening fruit. At the end of February however it started raining and didn't stop, one of the wettest March/April periods I've ever experienced. As a result we are only releasing seven wines this year instead of the usual eight. Our Not Tonight Josephine straw wine usually dries on racks for 2-3 weeks after picking but the weather didn't allow for sufficient dehydration of the fruit. We made the wine but feel the quality isn't where we want it and have decided not to bottle and release the 2023.

The seven wines we are releasing are some of the purest and most focussed we have ever bottled. The 1st part of the 2023 vintage will rival 2021 in terms of quality and may even become better in bottle with time. The wines will drink well young but will reward over the years to come, a truly classic expression of the Savage Wines style.

Thanks for the continued support.
Duncan





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GIRL NEXT DOOR 2023

VARIETAL

Syrah

ANALYSIS

Alc. 13% Vol | RS 1.4 g/l | pH 3.55 | TA 4.8 g/l

ORIGIN

Cape Town (Fish Hoek and Noordhoek))

VINEYARD

Girl Next Door is now made up of two sites. The original 0.38ha vineyard grown in sandy gravel soils on the Brakkekloof ridge is now joined by a 0.2ha SW facing parcel in Noordhoek. We have farmed and vinified the new site over the last 5 years and are now confident in the quality of this epic parcel. The two vineyards grow on the Cape Peninsula within 3km of the beach and are constantly battered by the wind off the cold Atlantic.

VINIFICATION

Birds love these vineyards, netting and extreme sorting in both vineyard and cellar is the norm. Grapes are cooled overnight before spontaneous fermentation in open top fermenters and conical foudre. Around 50% of the fruit is left as whole bunches spending 2 weeks on the skins before being basket pressed. Aging takes place for 10-11 months in foudre and old 500L French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Girl Next Door is a wine that expresses its location. Violets, plums, cherries, white pepper and black olives, all held together by a tightly wound saline core compliments of the cold Atlantic. 2023 is our most perfumed example to date thanks to the new site and classic 2023 vintage. Our prettiest Girl yet.

