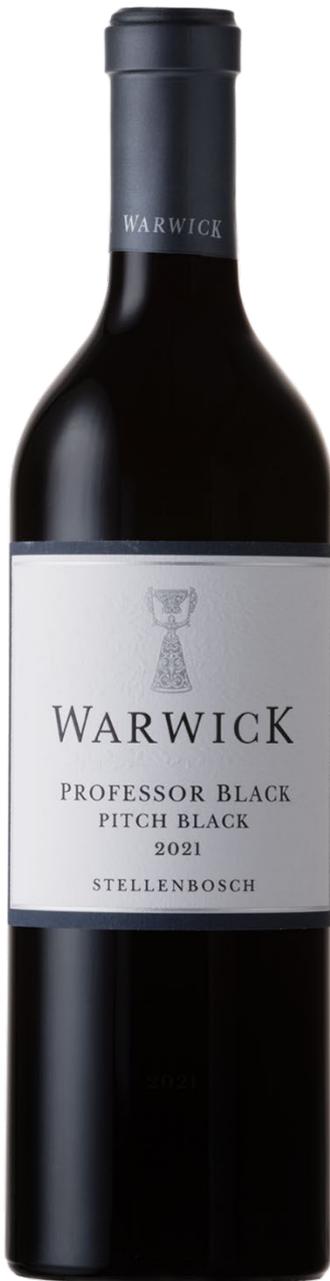




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Professor Black Pitch Black 2021



VARIETAL: 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cinsault, 15% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot, 6% Malbec.

WINE OF ORIGIN: Stellenbosch

TASTING NOTE: Bright purple in colour with a note of cassis, dark chocolate, lavender, and ripe strawberries. The palate is rich and textured with silky tannins and a core of dark fruit flavours, black currants, and ripe plum all capped off with a hint of spice. The finish is lush and rich with a fresh acidity adding length and well supported by well-integrated oak.

AGEING: Ready to enjoy now but will reward careful cellaring over the next three to five years.

WINEMAKING: A Classical blend inspired by the wines that came from Stellenbosch in the middle of the previous century. Traditional Bordeaux varieties mixed with Cinsault, as was the norm more than 50 years ago. All the varieties besides the Cinsault are de-stemmed and fermented on the skins for 2-3 weeks before pressing and ageing in small French oak barrels for a period of 12 months, 24% new, 11% second fill and 31% third fill, and the balance in older oak. The Cinsault was fermented whole bunch and aged unwooded. Blending and light filtration took place before bottling in August 2022.

FOOD PAIRING: Slow braised beef short rib with creamy polenta

ANALYSIS: Alc: 14%
TS: 2.3
TA: 5.1
PH: 3.69
Vegan

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