

# NEW DAWN

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## DARK LEAP RED BLEND | WESTERN CAPE | 2024

“DARK LEAP” IS INSPIRED BY THE BOLDNESS OF RISK—BY THE ACT OF LEAPING INTO THE UNKNOWN. IT MIRRORS THE FOUNDING SPIRIT OF NEW DAWN WINE COMPANY: AN AUDACIOUS MOVE TO BET ON INSTINCT, VISION, AND UNTAPPED POTENTIAL. THIS WINE EMBODIES THAT SAME ENERGY—BLENDING UNFAMILIAR VARIETIES FROM REMARKABLE SINGLE VINEYARDS, GROWN BY COMMITTED FARMERS ACROSS THE CAPE, INTO ONE STRIKING RED.



### VINEYARD VISION

This is a wine of place and people. From granite-strewn hillsides to mist-cooled coastal slopes, Dark Leap captures the essence of the Cape's wildly expressive Terroir and the character of those who farm them. Each vineyard is sustainably cultivated, each variety chosen for its unique voice—and the blend is a reflection of South Africa's complexity and my personal journey as a winemaker.

### BLEND COMPOSITION

The 2024 Dark Leap is composed of 58% Syrah, 20% Carignan, 17% Grenache, and 5% Cinsaut. All fruit is sourced from certified sustainable vineyards. The Syrah, Carignan, and Cinsaut hail from the Breede-kloof region, while the Grenache comes from a single vineyard in Stellenbosch.

### WINE MAKING

Each vineyard site was harvested and vinified separately to preserve its unique character. The Syrah, sourced from Breede-kloof, was picked in three distinct passes and fermented with varying whole bunch components—20%, 30%, and 50%—to build layers of texture and aromatic lift. Carignan, also from Breede-kloof, was split into two lots: one crushed for structure, the other fermented with 50% whole bunch to preserve freshness and spice. The Grenache from Stellenbosch was fully crushed, bringing tannin, tension, and depth to the blend. Finally, a small yet expressive portion of Cinsaut was added for its perfumed red fruit and ability to soften the palate, tying the wine together with elegance and ease.

"THIS IS NOT NOSTALGIA.



THIS IS MOMENTUM."

-RÜDGER VAN WYK