# 45 RPM – RED BLEND

**COUNTRY:** South Africa

**REGION:** W.O. Western Cape

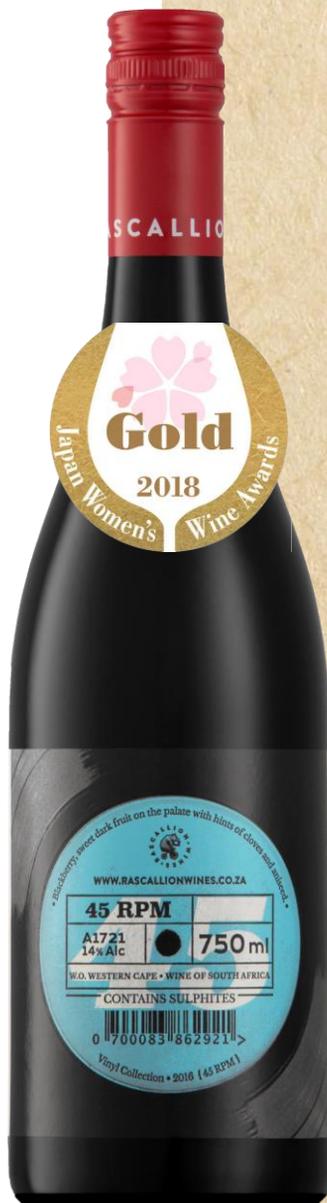**SOIL:** Table mountain sandstone and shales

**ALCOHOL CONTENT:** 13%

**GRAPE VARIETY:** Grenache, Cinsaut, Mouvèrdre, Tannat

**SERVICE TEMPERATURE:** 16°C

**45 RPM refers to a single,** with 3-5 minutes of music per side, 7" record turning at a speed of 45 revolutions per minute. This wine has a Northern Rhone style, plush, succulent, and aromatic. This 45 RPM is a part of the Vinyl Collection, modern blends with a funky retro touch.

## Background:

The vast majority of the South African wine industry is located in The Western Cape. The Cape Fold belt plays an important part in the viticulture of the region, contributing the ideal soils for the production of premium wines. The climate is Mediterranean, but it can also be cool and rainy.

The grapes for this wine are sourced from Piekenierskloof vineyards with low yields. Harvesting occurred in early March. Each of the components was picked at optimum ripeness allowing the tannin influence to peak before picking commenced. Harvesting occurred in the early morning to preserve freshness and flavor, and the bunches were de-stalked prior to crushing.

## Tasting notes:

- **COLOR:** Intense red color with a bright purple hue.
- **NOSE:** Dark fruit, berry cherry aromas.
- **PALATE:** Blackberry, sweet dark fruit on the palate with hints of cloves and aniseed. Well balanced with elegant integrated tannins. A smooth, long finish with primary olive and black fruit flavors lingering.

## Data:

- **WINEMAKER:** Johan Joubert.
- **GRAPE:** 36% Grenache, 32% Cinsaut, 26% Mouvèrdre, 6% Tannat.
- **BRIX AT HARVEST:** 23.4°
- **VINIFICATION:** Low pressure crushing occurred, and fermentation took place on the skins in stainless steel tanks for 10 days with pump overs 3 times a day. Each component was fermented separately and blended afterwards.
- **OAK:** Unoaked.
- **PAIRING:** A great companion for vegetarian dishes, but it also works perfectly with Mediterranean dishes like Italian pasta salad or stuffed mushrooms.

SWARTLAND RED BLEND

MODERN BLEND