

# BLAKE'S

FAMILY WINES



## Amethyst 2016

The name derives from the gemstone, Amethyst. Amethyst is a finely crafted Cape Blend of Pinotage, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz & Petit Verdot

The grapes used for the Amethyst derives from dryland bush vines in the Swartland. Andries Blake is a seasoned Swartland winemaker. His love for the terroir dates back to his first vintage in 1996. His knowledge and experience of the Swartland terroir enabled him to select the best vineyards for the Amethyst. This wine is a true reflection of the Swartland terroir. The Swartland is pre-dominantly a dry land bush vine area with low yields and high concentration of fruit flavours.

After malolactic fermentation these cultivars were all individually barrel matured for 14 months in new 225 litre French oak

Dark red almost purple colour. The dark colour and concentration is typical of the Swartland area. Aromas of black currants, and dark cherries. Distinct dark fruit flavours. The wine has a good length with a dry finish.

This well-structured wine will be the perfect match with a slow-roasted rosemary lamb, springbok medallions or a rich pasta.

### Technical Analysis:

**Varietals:** Pinotage (38%), Cabernet Sauvignon (32%), Shiraz (24%) , Petit Verdot (6%)

Alcohol: 15.59%

pH: 3.60

TA: 5.4

RS: 3.9

VA: 0.59

**Appellation:** Swartland

*Accolades: Veritas gold, Michelangelo Gold & Platters Guide 2019*

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