

## GENTIS

"The Gentis family settled in the Stellenbosch Wine region, in 1925, from the Netherlands. Emile Gentis is currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation wine grower in South Africa and brings this bespoke Gentis brand to life, under the Thor Vintners portfolio of brands"

## THE PHOENIX

## PETITE SIRAH (DURIF) 2021, W.O. SWARTLAND

The Phoenix is an ancient mythical legend, spread over centuries of storytelling and symbolizes rebirth, renewal, immortality, healing and eternal fire (sun). The word 'phoenix' in Greek also refers to a purple-red color. The Gentis Phoenix is a tribute to a new vibrant, purple-red cultivar called Petite Sirah (Durif), which has been reborn from the Swartland soils and sun. As the Phoenix rises from the ashes, so will Petite Sirah rise to be the new Swartland champion.

The Swartland Petite Sirah, also known as Durif, demonstrates the diversity of wine styles found in the Swartland and expresses a new world wine style commonly found in Australia and California. But once you've experienced the many faces of this unquivering grape around the world, you will see just how well it is suited to the Swartland. If you can make it, claim it, and therefore we have chosen this wine as a flagbearer for the Thor Vintners and Gentis portfolio.

Petite Sirah may be a small grape, but its flavour is anything but small. A good description of our Petite Sirah would be = big, bold and *freaken* memorable. This wine has a full body and a mouthfeel that is often described as chewy and intense, but offers a mix of spices, dark chocolate, caramel, liquorice and coffee. Black plum and cherry nuances come to mind, when whiffing the glass.

Aged in 300L barrels, after spending more than 10 days on extended skin contact, post fermentation, has given us those grippy, yet smooth tannins.

Alc 14.87% TA 5.40g/L RS 3.1g/L pH 3.48 VA 0.52g/L

