

CASTEL

ORIGIN

Castel is a cross between Cinsault and V. rupestris.

VITICULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

Castel is a cold hardy variety, capable of achieving high Brix levels and above average cropping levels. Resistance to powdery mildew and downy mildew make it a relatively easy variety to grow. Castel ripens about 85-90 days after flowering.

COMMON WINE STYLES

Castel is a grape with robust flavours. Typically made into a single varietal Red, it can resemble a South African Pinotage (relative of cinsault) in the best wines. This varietal can be overbearing if not treated with a gentle touch in the cellar. It benefits from oak ageing, as it helps to soften the harsh edges.

PLANTERS RIDGE PRODUCTS

Castel is a blending component for our premium wines. It contributes a robust base with which to build a well-structured wine.