



PIEKENIERSKLOOF

The Piekenierskloof plateau is situated 160 km north of Cape Town and 50 km from the Atlantic ocean as the crow flies. At 600 to 750 metres altitude these old, ungrafted bush vines, growing in sandy loam soils, are rejuvenate by cold air in the evenings during the growing season.

VINTAGE

2018 was a challenging vintage with most of the Cape Wineland suffering from several years of very low rainfall. Whilst bush vines are quite resilient, the accumulative affect of the continuous drought decreased the already low yield even more. Greater care had to be taken to pick at the right time - successful wines are concentrated and sound.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were handpicked very early in the morning allowing the fruit to retain their natural flavor. Only the free run juice was used, allowed to settle and inoculated with selected yeast strain, fermenting in new 500L French oak barrels for 6 months.



TECHNICAL DETAIL

Year planted:	1962
Farm:	Bergendal
Altitude:	620m
Average annual rainfall:	550mm
Rainfall 2018:	480mm
Variety:	Chenin Blanc
Rootstock:	Own roots (ungrafted)
Trellis system:	Bush vine
Alcohol	13,96%
Extract:	22,3g/l
Residual sugar:	2,1g/l
Total acidity:	6,2 g/l
pH:	3,29
Free SO2:	21 mg/l
Total SO2:	124mg/l

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