



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

2019 was still a very dry, but cool, season in the Cape winelands. This resulted in wines that show an attractive freshness, good concentration and slightly lower alcohol levels on average. The whites were particularly promising but overall the wines can be slightly longer lived than the 2018s

WINEMAKING

Grapes were cold soaked for 24 hours prior to the start of fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Regular pump overs followed and fermentation temperature was kept around 24°C. Malolactic fermentation and maturation of 14 months took place in 500 litre 2nd and 3rd fill French oak barrels.



TECHNICAL DETAIL

Year planted:	1973
Farm:	Bergendal and Heidedal
Altitude:	620m
Average annual rainfall:	550mm
Rainfall 2019:	381 mm
Variety:	Grenache Noir
Rootstock:	Own roots (ungrafted)
Trellis system:	Bush vine
Alcohol	13.96%
Extract:	31,8g/l
Residual sugar:	3,2g/l
Total acidity:	5,7g/l
pH:	3.5
Free SO2:	35 mg/l
Total SO2:	102 mg/l