



## 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

2020 vintage was preceded by a winter which again saw decent rains after a series of dry winters in the wineland of the Cape. The wines are concentrated and fresh with modest alcohols.

## WINEMAKING

After picking the grapes were laid out on drying racks on a bed of straw for two weeks. The whole bunches were then pressed very slowly to release a very concentrated juice. Only the free run juice was used, allowed to settle slightly and inoculated with selected yeast strain for a slow fermentation. The wine matured in used 500L French oak barrels for 12 months.



## TECHNICAL DETAIL

<b>Year planted:</b>	1962
<b>Farm:</b>	Bergendal
<b>Altitude:</b>	620m
<b>Average annual rainfall:</b>	550mm
<b>Rainfall 2018:</b>	480mm
<b>Variety:</b>	Muscat Blanc (Muscat de Frontignan)
<b>Rootstock:</b>	Own roots (ungrafted)
<b>Trellis system:</b>	Bush vine
<b>Alcohol</b>	10,17%
<b>Residual sugar:</b>	181,1g/l
<b>Total acidity:</b>	6,8 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3,76
<b>Free SO2:</b>	24 mg/l
<b>Total SO2:</b>	228 mg/l