

# 2023 Piekenierskloof Shiraz

## Food Pairing

This Shiraz pairs well with strong flavoured red meat dishes, such as lamb stews and kudu fillet.

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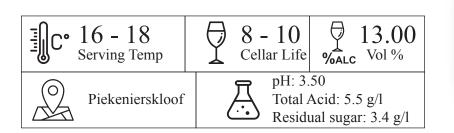
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#### Winemaking

Grapes are handpicked and cold soaked for 24 hours. Fermentation is initiated with selected yeast strains and is kept under 26°C. Malolactic fermentation also took place in the tank. This wine was matured for 12 months in 25% new and 75% old French oak 300l barrels.

### **Tasting Profile**

This Shiraz exudes a rich and expressive character, with enticing notes of warm spices, violets, and liquorice intertwined with lush dark fruits. Its velvety tannins and seamlessly integrated oak enhance the wine's depth, while a well-structured, dry tannin foundation adds to its elegance. The result is a beautifully balanced wine with a lingering, sophisticated finish.





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#### **Sipping Stories**

Grapes are sourced from vineyards in the Piekenierskloof region. These vineyards are all non-irrigated bush vines and grow on sandy, loam soils. The vineyards are meticulously farmed and managed to yield below 5 tons per hectare and hand harvested during the second week of February.

Nestled in the Citrusdal Mountains, some 50 kilometers north of Swartland, is the magnificent Piekenierskloof plateau, which provides the perfect natural environment for vineyards to thrive. At 750 meters above sea level, the plateau's climate is characterised by warm days and cool nights, which allow grapes to slowly ripen and develop complex fruit flavours. Ungrafted bush vines planted since the 1960's is still used in the production of Piekenierskloof Wine Company's range of wines.