



STRANDVELD

VINEYARDS

Strandveld Sauvignon Blanc is made from vines grown on a cool south-easterly facing slope of the Elim wine ward. Surrounded by local Elim Fynbos this vineyard is known for its frequent encounters with Puff Adder snakes, hence the name "Pofadderbos". The unique Strandveld terroir is beautifully expressed in this vineyard, growing in almost 100% yellow ferricrete rocky soil. The modest crop ripens slowly in our cool climate, without the loss of flavour. A total of 8331 vines were planted on 3ha in 2003.

VINTAGE

Winter of 2017 was one of the driest in the Western Cape in the last century, fortunately for us the drought was not as bad and our winter rains were within average range. In Spring the weather was more erratic and we received very late cold fronts with icy rain in mid-September. This storm did extreme damage to our young shoots, so while we received water for irrigation the price paid was the loss of half of our potential crop almost overnight. This same storm caused severe frost damage in the Robertson Valley a few days later. In late November we had a further blow with a hail storm which caused more vineyard damage and the final harvest crop was on average a very low 3,5 ton/ha. The conditions during the rest of the growing season were moderate with cool, dry weather and the small crop was handled with care to make the most of it. The result was a small, concentrated vintage, comparable to 2015.

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Sauvignon Blanc

AGE OF VINES

16 years

CLONES

SB316

VINIFICATION

Innovative winemaking techniques, cold fermentation with selected yeast strains and lees contact for six months.

BOTTLING DATE

August 2018

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.3%; Residual sugar 2.4 g/litre; Total Acidity 6.8 g/litre; PH 3.2

TASTING NOTE

Passionfruit, grape fruit and distinctive blackcurrant on the nose. Creamy and full on the palate with citrus, fynbos and oyster shell minerality complemented by a lovely natural acidity and a long finish.

STRANDVELD POFADDERBOS

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018

SINGLE VINEYARD WINE