



# STRANDVELD

## VINEYARDS

ELIM • CAPE AGULHAS • SOUTH AFRICA

strandveld refers to the coastal belt of land which straddles the coastline around africa's southernmost tip at cape agulhas. this confluence of maritime climate, varying sites and soil types creates the diversity of terroir that distinguishes the wines of strandveld.

driven by a deep passion for premium quality wines and the spirit of discovery, strandveld vineyards stands proudly as the southernmost winery in africa. unique in every sense of the word, our wines reflect their wild origins of diverse terroir and a maritime climate through remarkable complexity and singularity.

## FIRST SIGHTING PINOT NOIR 2015

### VINTAGE

After a very long wet and cold winter, the spring of 2014 showed good promise. Our hopes for a decent yield was given a second blow by a unseasonal cold front in the middle of November, gale force winds with ice rain caused damage in the middle of our flowering season. The rest of our summer season was dominated by dry East winds. The smaller crop and dry conditions further helped the earlier ripening of this harvest. Our harvest commenced on the 2nd of February, one week earlier than normal. Healthy grapes with smaller berries and less juice was the norm.

"In the cellar we have wines with an abundance of clean, ripe fruit and higher extraction owing it to the lower production and optimum ripeness, all in all it's a case of less is more!"

### GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Pinot Noir

### AGE OF VINES

13 years

### CLONES

PN 777A, PN 9, PN 459, PN 5D

### VINIFICATION

After destemming the berries was cold soaked at 10°C for 3 days to extract colour and soft tannins. After inoculation with selected yeast strains, the wine was fermented at 23°C with pump overs three times daily. Once dry, the wine was racked and pressed, followed by 11 months barrel maturation in 300 litre French oak barrels.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.47%  
Residual sugar 3.1 g/litre  
Total Acidity 5.7 g/litre  
pH 3.57

### TASTING NOTE

Layered wine with a vibrant ruby red colour and classic elegance. Exuberant cherry and strawberry notes with fragrant spiciness and distinctive savoury, earthy characters complimented by fine tannins and a long finish.

