



# STRANDVELD

## VINEYARDS

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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.

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### THE NAVIGATOR 2017

*This Rhône blend pays homage to Prince Henry the Navigator – the Patron of early Portuguese exploration. Like us, he had a passion for exploring the secrets around Africa's southernmost tip.*

#### VINTAGE

Winter 2016 was cold and dry in the Strandveld region compared to the previous wet winters. However in comparison to the rest of the Western Cape we were in a good position as all our dams were full in Spring. Spring was very late with less wind than normal. This carried into November with beautiful windless Summer days, perfect for the vineyard's flower season and berry set. The result was one of our biggest crops to date. February was dry with cool South-easterly winds which provided perfect ripening conditions.

#### GRAPE VARIETIES

53% Shiraz, 20% Grenache, 19% Mourvèdre, 8% Viognier

#### AGE OF VINES

13 years

#### VINIFICATION

The grapes were harvested over a 5 day period (first Shiraz followed by Grenache then Viognier and finally Mourvèdre) prior to co-fermentation. Fermentation temperatures were controlled between 22 and 26°C with a total of 21 days skin contact during fermentation. Pump-overs were effected twice daily. This special blend was matured for 18 months in 100% French oak, in a combination of 300 and 500 litre barrels. 30% new, the balance made up of second and third fill barrels

#### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.27%  
Residual sugar 2.23 g/litre  
Total Acidity 5.55 g/litre  
pH 3.44

#### TASTING NOTE

An intensely layered wine showing perfect integration of the 4 cultivars coming together into one. Savoury, gamey and earthy on the nose with hints of blackpepper, berry fruit and biltong spice. It gives a sweet entry on the palate with silky tannins and flavours of black currants, dried peach and hints of cacao leading to a long, lingering, mouth-watering finish showing a distinctive saline minerality.

