



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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VIOGNIER 2020

VINTAGE

The growing season started with a very dry spring and less wind than normal. Conditions were good until we were hit with a full force, late cold front on 28 October. This brought a hail storm with stones the size of Shiraz berries driven by a gale force South West wind which ripped the leaves and shoots of our vines. Within 10 minutes the damage was done.

In the middle of January a Black South Easter tormented us for 10 consecutive days, accompanied by 115mm of rain and very high humidity. By the 4th of February harvest was in full swing and despite my worries the grapes came into the cellar with no sour rot and only a small percentage of botrytis. The average temperature for February was 21.3° Celsius, this is 0.8°C warmer than the average for the last 16 years. Despite the challenging conditions, the resulting low yield of 2.3 ton per hectare harvested in February and March made amazing wines. The wines produced from the 2020 harvest are fresh and elegant with almost 1% less alcohol.

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Viognier

AGE OF VINES

18 years

VINIFICATION

The fully ripe grapes with some Botrytis were handpicked, then crushed and destemmed followed by 18 hours of skin contact. The free run and press juice components were fermented together in barrel followed by further barrel maturation in 2nd fill 300 litre French oak barrels with occasional less stirring for 10 months.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.61%
Residual sugar 3.5 g/litre
Total Acidity 4.8 g/litre
pH 3.51

TASTING NOTE

Golden straw colour. Full bodied wine showing an aromatic floral nose with dried peach, spiced biscuits and hints of Botrytis character. Lush and juicy with subtle undertones of French oak, minerality and melon with a long, succulent finish.

