



# 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 SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

### VINTAGE

The growing season started with a very dry spring and less wind than normal. Everything was going perfectly until we were hit with a full force, late cold front on the 28th October. A hail storm with stones the size of Shiraz berries driven by a gale force South West wind hit us and we saw the leaves and shoots of our vines getting ripped off, within 10 minutes the damage was done. However, the resulting 4.3 ton per hectare harvested in February and March has made amazing wines. 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 and with the help of Tienie 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. The wines from the 2020 harvest are fresh and elegant with almost 1% less alcohol than the norm.

### GRAPE VARIETIES

87% Sauvignon Blanc, 13% Semillon

### AGE OF VINES

3-18 years

### CLONES

SB110, SB109, SB316, SB317, GD1

### VINIFICATION

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

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 11.84%  
Residual sugar 3.1 g/litre  
Total Acidity 6.3 g/litre  
pH 3.38

### TASTING NOTE

A vibrant, refreshing wine with ripe stone fruit, citrus, subtle tropical fruit and buchu flavours. This fruity, zesty combination is complimented by a distinct flinty character leading to a crisp, dry mineral finish.

