



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 SHIRAZ 2019

VINTAGE

The summer of 2018 was the driest in 50 years. So much so that we saw most of our wetland vlei areas in the Agulhas Plain dry up completely. It was like living in a strange new world walking over dry, cracked mud in a vlei that is normally the home of the local Hippo pod. The winter started late at the end of May and it was only towards the end of September that we saw the wetlands full of water again. The normal cool, dry, windy Spring conditions that we are so famous for resulted in a small but healthy crop. The rest of the growing season was moderate with a cool, dry January and February. The only significant rain during harvest was towards the middle of March, 55mm, and by then most of our grapes were safely in the cellar.

GRAPE VARIETIES

87,5% Shiraz, 7% Grenache, 4% Mourvedre, 1,5% Viognier

AGE OF VINES

17 years

CLONES

SH21, SH22, SH99B, SH5C, SH9

VINIFICATION

The grapes were cold soaked for 1 day prior to fermentation. Fermentation temperatures were controlled between 22 and 26°C with a total of 14 days skin contact during fermentation. Pump-overs were effected twice daily. 100% of the wine was matured for 12 months in mostly second and third fill French oak barrels.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.35%
Residual sugar 2.9 g/litre
Total Acidity 5.1 g/litre
pH 3.52

TASTING NOTE

A full-bodied wine with freshly ground black pepper and mocha aromas layered with vibrant berry fruit notes. Concentrated with savoury tannins and a long spicy finish. The Grenache adds complexity with dried peach tannins and floral notes.

