

TERROIR BY-THE-GLASS

NOVEMBER - 2021

THE IDEA OF TERROIR ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN JUST SOIL TYPE, CLIMATE, GEOGRAPHY, VEGETATION & VARIETAL CHOICE. IT INCORPORATES THE HAND OF MAN, LOCAL HISTORY, CULTURAL TRENDS, CULINARY TRADITIONS & SOCIAL ECONOMICS.

WINE SAFARI: SOUTH AFRICA

BRUT ROSÉ - GRAHAM BECK - "CAP CLASSIQUE" - WESTERN CAPE - 2015

[WHITE STRAWBERRY, TART CHERRY, PEACH PIT, FROTHED CREAM, CHEESE RIND, CROISSANT, POLLEN, HIGH ACID]
FOUNDED IN 1983 NEAR THE TOWN OF ROBERTSON ON THE WESTERN CAPE, GRAHAM BECK FROM THE ONSET SOUGHT TO PRODUCE WORLD CLASS BUBBLY. 90% PINOT NOIR & 10% CHARDONNAY GRAPES THAT WERE PRESSED AND FERMENTED TOGETHER. THE WINE UNDERWENT EXTENDED LEES CONTACT WITH FOUR YEARS OF RIDDLING.



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CHENIN BLANC - REMHOOGTE - "HONEYBUNCH" - SIMONSBURG-STELLENBOSCH - 2020

[MEYER LEMON, POACHED ASIAN PEAR, CANARY MELON, CARDAMOM, CLOVER HONEY, CRUSHED ROCK MED+ ACID]
A SMALL, FAMILY WINERY RUN BY A FATHER AND TWO SONS AT THE FEET OF THE SIMONSBURG MOUNTAIN IN STELLENBOSCH. ONLY THE EXPOSED BUNCHES ON THE MORNING SUN SIDE OF THEIR 35 YEAR OLD VINEYARD ARE SELECTED, THEY TURN GOLD AS A RESULT OF THEIR EXPOSURE, GIVING THE WINE A UNIQUE HONEYED CHARACTER.



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ROSÉ OF MOURVÈDRE - NOBLE HILL - SIMONSBURG-PAARL - 2020

[SPICED CURRANT, GOLDEN APPLE, ORANGE OIL, SMOKED MEAT, ALMOND, AUTUMN LEAF, ROSE, MED+ ACID]
LOCATED JUST OVER THE HILL FROM REMHOOGTE, NOBLE HILL SPECIALIZES IN RHONE VARIETALS, AS THEY GROW VERY WELL IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CLIMATE, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SOUTHERN RHONE. THE GRAPES FOR THIS MOURVEDRE ROSE ARE HARVESTED FROM A VINEYARD OF LESS THAN ONE HECTARE.



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PINOT NOIR - STORM WINES - "VREDE" - HEDEL-EN-AARDE VALLEY - 2016

[GRIOTTE CHERRY, BLACK RASPBERRY, BAKED CRANBERRY, CINNAMON, DAMP EARTH, GAME, HEARTH, MED- TANNIN]
LOCATED IN HEDEL-EN-AARDE (HEAVEN-ON-EARTH), HANNES STORM FOCUSES ON SITE SPECIFIC EXPRESSIONS OF PINOT NOIR & CHARDONNAY. STORM IS THE ONLY PRODUCER MAKING WINES FROM ALL THREE DISTRICTS OF HEDEL-EN-AARDE. THE VREDE PINOT AND CHARD ARE GROWN ON CLAY-RICH SHALE SOILS CALLED BOKKEVELD.



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CINSAULT - NATTE VALLEIJ - COASTAL REGION - 2019

[RIPE RASPBERRY, RED PLUM SKIN, CRUSHED WILD CURRANT, FRESH MEAT, GARRIGUE, HIBISCUS, CEDAR, MED TANNIN]
WHILE NOT PRESENTING A PINOTAGE ON THIS MENU, I FOUND IT FITTING TO SHOWCASE THE FATHER OF THE GRAPE, CINSAULT. PINOTAGE IS A CROSSING OF PINOT NOIR & CINSAULT (CALLED HERMITAGE BY THE LOCALS). NATTE VALLEIJ IS SYNONYMOUS WITH CINSAULT, FERMENTING SPONTANEOUSLY USING INDIGENOUS, WILD YEAST.



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CABERNET FRANC - RAATS FAMILY WINES - "FAMILY" - STELLENBOSCH - 2017

[BLACK PLUM, CASSIS, HUCKLEBERRY, GRILLED MEAT, ROASTED BELL PEPPER, VANILLA BEAN, CLOVE, MED+ TANNIN]
FOUNDED IN 2000 WITH THE LOVE OF THE LOIRE VALLEY IN HIS MIND'S EYE, BRUWER RAATS BELIEVED CHENIN BLANC AND CAB FRANC TO BE THE WAY FORWARD FOR SOUTH AFRICAN WINES. HIS PRODUCTION IS DEDICATED SOLELY TO THESE TWO VARIETALS, WHICH RECEIVE HIGH PRAISE AND INTERNATIONAL ACCOLADES EACH VINTAGE.



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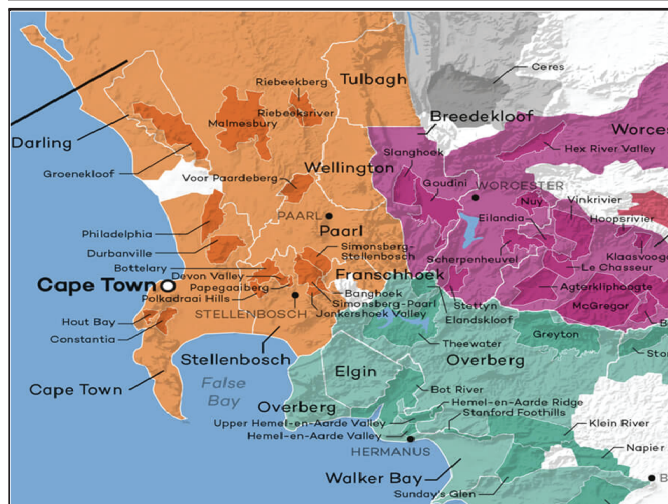
SYRAH - STARK-CONDÉ - JONKERSHOEK VALLEY, STELLENBOSCH - 2017

[BRAMBLEBERRY, DRIED PLUM, FRESH LAMB, OLIVE, PEPPERCORN, BRONZE FENNEL, TOBACCO, LEATHER, MED+ TANNIN]
A SMALL, FAMILY RUN WINERY IN THE TINY JONKERSHOEK VALLEY APPELLATION OF STELLENBOSCH, STARK-CONDÉ FOCUSES ON SMALL BATCH PRODUCTION AND HAND HARVESTING. THE SYRAH COMES FROM THEIR OWN SINGLE ESTATE VINEYARD CALLED OUDE NEKTAR. AS A NOD TO COTE-RODIE, THIS SYRAH IS CO-FERMENTED WITH VIOGNIER.



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A TASTE OF TERROIR

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EXPERIENCE MAXIMUM TERROIR EXPOSURE WITH
A FLIGHT OF ALL SEVEN SOUTH AFRICAN WINES

MOST SOUTH AFRICAN WINE PRODUCTION OCCURS IN THE WESTERN CAPE, A SMALL AREA IN THE SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE COUNTRY. MOST W.O. (WINE OF ORIGIN) AREAS ARE CONTAINED WITHIN IT, INCLUDING THE COASTAL REGION, CAPE SOUTH COAST, BREDE RIVER VALLEY, KLEIN KAROO, AND OLIFANTS RIVER. AT A LATITUDE OF 27° TO 34°, THE WESTERN CAPE'S CLIMATE IS ESSENTIALLY MEDITERRANEAN, WITH WARM, SUNNY GROWING SEASONS, ALTHOUGH THE BENGUELA CURRENT FLOWS NORTH FROM ANTARCTICA TO COOL THE COASTAL AREAS. THE CAPE DOCTOR, A NOTORIOUSLY STRONG SOUTHEASTERLY WIND, BLOWS ACROSS THE WESTERN CAPE THROUGHOUT THE SPRING AND SUMMER, INHIBITING FUNGAL DISEASE AND MODERATING TEMPERATURE—BUT ALSO FEROCIOUSLY BATTERING THE VINES. MOST OF THE COUNTRY'S HIGH-QUALITY WINE ORIGINATES IN THE COASTAL REGION. THE REGION IS SUBDIVIDED INTO NINE DISTRICTS: STELLENBOSCH, CAPE TOWN, PAARL, TULBAGH, DARLING, FRANSCHHOEK VALLEY, LUTZVILLE VALLEY, WELLINGTON, AND SWARTLAND.