



Donkiesbaai

Cinsault

31°56'00.00"S

Wine of Origin Piekenierskloof

18°16'00.00"E

2020

Far up the west coast, North of Lambert's Bay but South of Doringbaai lies an open bay of white sand strewn with black mussels and kelp, with the icy waters of the Atlantic beating the shore. This is Donkiesbaai, where the Engelbrecht family have holidayed for four generations. This unassuming spot lends its name to our adventurous range of wines from the further-flung corners of South Africa's winelands. The wine was made with the cuisine of the west coast in mind. Crayfish, Harders, and a cold glass of wine is part of the history that is Donkiesbaai.

Vineyards

The grapes are sourced from the Piekenierskloof. This Cinsault vineyard was planted in 1967. Very old, unirrigated bush vines are planted in deep sandy soils. Elevated sites have a warm climate with cooling evening winds.

Winery

Minimal intervention winemaking with 20% of the fruit fermented as whole clusters. Spontaneous fermentation in open top 4-ton fermentation tanks. Gentle punch downs and pump overs are performed during fermentation. Maturation takes place in seasoned 500l French oak barrels for approximately 14 months.

Tasting Note

Vibrant, pale ruby. Intense fragrance of cranberry and strawberries, with perfume notes of hibiscus and rose petals with cinnamon. Light bodied with cranberry and strawberry creating a juicy mid-palate. Cedar spice and paprika add a savoury note to the palate. Delicate tannins compliment the lively fruit and light body, with a refreshing strawberry flavour on the finish.

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| Alcohol | 12.81% | Acidity | 5.6g/l |
| Residual Sugar..... | 2.2g/l | pH | 3.22 |

