

# TERRA DEL CAPO

## TERRA DEL CAPO SANGIOVESE

VINTAGE: 2015

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE: 18.85 °C

RAINFALL: 414.29mm

HARVESTING BEGAN: 12/02/2015

HARVESTING ENDED: 19/02/2015

ORIGIN OF FRUIT: Rooderust Farm, Groenekloof

SOIL TYPE: Decomposed granite, shale and clay

YIELD: 9.69 ton/ha

**IN THE VINEYARD:** The Rooderust farm is situated in the Darling area, approximately 13 km from the Atlantic Ocean. The area has a lower than average rainfall, and experiences long, dry summers with cool Atlantic Ocean breezes. This, together with the friable shaly clay soils make Rooderust ideal for Sangiovese. Approximately 9 of the 120 ha's under vine is planted to Sangiovese on relatively flat land. The low summer rains help to control the vigour of this Italian cultivar that can happily obtain full ripeness here every season.

**VINTAGE NOTES:** Typical conditions between March and November with average rainfall and a cold winter. Much lower rainfall from November through to March caused the vines to stop vegetative growth at the end of December. A warm January and cool February resulted in early, but even ripening and development. High natural acids and concentrated fruit flavours define this high quality vintage.

**WINEMAKING:** Terra Del Capo Sangiovese is produced from fully ripe grapes, picked between 23.5 – 24.5° Balling. The grapes are de-stemmed and gently crushed before being fermented in large oak fermenters. Once sufficient colour, tannin and flavour have been extracted, the skins are gently pressed and malolactic fermentation is allowed to occur. The wine is matured in 500 L French oak puncheons for 12 months before being bottled and bottle-aged for approximately 10 – 12 months.

**TASTING NOTES:** Bright red fruits – cherry and plum – with notable spice highlights on the nose. Those same succulently vivacious fruits are found in the mouth - juicy red cherry and soft plum flavours, tinged with spice and a hint of cracked pepper. Light and supple with gentle, dry tannin. Medium-bodied but with a full, lingering tail.

