



# SARONSBERG

*Tulbagh*

## Shiraz 2022

The wine has a deep, dark purple colour with succulent ripe fruit flavours supported by expressive yet delicate floral notes and scents of violets and spice. The mouth-feel has depth and clarity of fruit with integrated oak flavours. Finely crafted tannins and a beautiful layered fruity finish.

### Vinification

The grapes were hand-harvested in the early morning and rapidly cooled to 4°C. Once chilled, they were sorted by hand, destemmed, and further sorted on vibration tables by a team of 25 highly skilled staff members. Depending on the vineyard, the berries were either gently crushed into a satellite tank or placed in open and closed fermenters, with some left whole. The must was dejuiced to a level of 10–12%, depending on the vineyard.

A cold soak followed for 3–5 days at 8°C, under a protective CO<sub>2</sub> blanket, after which the grapes were inoculated with yeast and the fermentation started. The fermenting cap was manually punched down four times a day, with one pump-over each day.

After fermentation, the wine was pressed into 80% new and 20% second-fill 300-liter French oak barrels. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrels.

Once malolactic fermentation was finished, the wines received a minimal dose of sulfur and were left on their gross lees for 10 months. Afterward, the wine was racked, blended, and returned to barrels for further aging. The total time in barrels was 20 months. Bottling was done following a fine sheet filtration.

### Ageing Potential

The wine is well-suited for aging and can be cellared for 8 to 10 years, during which time it will develop greater complexity and depth of flavor. Proper storage conditions, such as consistent temperature and humidity, are recommended to ensure optimal aging and preservation of its qualities.

### Analysis

Alcohol:	14.7%
Total acid:	5.1 g/l
pH:	3.56
Residual sugar:	3.5 g/l
Volatile acidity:	0.54 g/l
Free sulphur:	23 mg/l
Total sulphur:	82 mg/l



# Awards

## 2022 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100 & Grand Cru 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Syrah du Monde: Gold and overall 1<sup>st</sup> place
- International Wine Challenge: Gold
- Concours Mondial: Gold
- Drinks Business Syrah Masters: Gold
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Veritas: Gold
- Platter Wine Guide: 5 Stars
- Platter Wine Guide: Wine of the year

## 2021 Vintage

- Concours Mondial: Gold
- Decanter World Awards: 90 Points
- Drinks Business Asia Syrah Masters: Master
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Hong Kong International Wine and Spirits Competition: 95 Points
- Platter Wine Guide: 4.5 Stars
- Platter Wine Guide: Highly Recommended

## 2020 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Double Gold
- Novare Terroir: National Shiraz Winner
- Shiraz SA: Top 12
- Platter Wine Guide: 4.5 Stars

## 2019 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Shiraz SA: Top 12
- Novare Terroir: National Shiraz Winner
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold Medal
- Drinks Business Syrah Masters: Gold Award

## 2018 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Double Gold
- Shiraz SA: Top 12
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 93 Points
- Decanter World Awards: 94 Points
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Shiraz Trophy Winner
- Platter Wine Guide: 4.5 Star

## 2017 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Platter Wine Guide: 4.5 Star
- International Wine Challenge: Gold
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Decanter Asia Awards: 91 Points
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 93 Points
- International Wine and Spirits Challenge: 95 Points
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Drinks Business Syrah Masters: Gold

## 2016 Vintage

- Concours Mondial: Gold
- Syrah Du Monde: Gold
- Platter Wine Guide: 4.5 Star
- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Decanter World Wine Awards: 92 Points
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Double Gold
- Drinks Business Syrah Masters: Gold
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 93 Points

## 2015 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge 2017: Double Gold
- International Wine Challenge 2017: Gold
- Shiraz SA: Top 12 Shiraz
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Drinks Business Shiraz Masters 2017: Master
- Tim Atkin South Africa Report 2017: 93 Points
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Double Gold

## 2014 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge 2017: Double Gold
- Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2016: Gold
- Decanter 2016: Gold
- Shiraz SA: Top 12
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Tim Atkin South Africa Report 2016: 93 Points
- Michelangelo Awards 2016: Gold
- Veritas 2016: Gold
- International Wine and Spirits Challenge: Gold

## 2013 Vintage

- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- International Wine Challenge 2015: Gold
- Decanter World Wine Awards 2015: regional Trophy
- Syrah du Monde 2015: Gold
- Tim Atkin South Africa Report 2015: 94 Points
- Veritas 2015: Gold
- Michelangelo Awards 2015: Gold
- International Wine Challenge 2016: Gold
- National Wine Challenge 2017: Double Gold

## 2012 Vintage

- Michelangelo Awards 2014: Gold
- Classic Wine: Top 6
- International Wine Challenge 2014: Gold
- WineStyle People's Choice Awards 2014: Double Gold
- National Wine Challenge 2017: Top 100
- Decanter World Wine Awards 2015: Gold
- Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2015: Gold

## 2011 Vintage

- Decanter World Wine Awards: Gold
- Veritas 2013: Double Gold
- Winemakers' Choice: Red Wine Trophy
- Decanter Asia: Gold
- John Platter's Wine Guide: 5 Stars
- International Wine Challenge: Gold & South African Shiraz Trophy

## 2010 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge 2017: Double Gold
- Syrah du Monde: Gold
- Michelangelo Awards: Gold
- South African Wine Index: Grand Gold
- John Platter's Wine Guide: 5 Stars

## 2009 Vintage

- Michelangelo Awards: Gold

## 2008 Vintage

- Concours Mondial Bruxelles: Gold
- Michelangelo Awards: Gold
- Veritas: Double Gold
- Winemakers' Choice Awards: Diamond
- National Wine Challenge 2017: Double Gold

## 2007 Vintage

- Michelangelo Awards: Double: Gold
- Michelangelo Awards: Gold
- Veritas: Double Gold
- Winemakers' Choice Awards: Diamond

## 2006 Vintage

- Veritas: Gold
- Michelangelo Awards: Double Gold
- Juliet Cullinan Wine Connoisseurs' Awards: Gold
- Swiss International Airline Awards: Gold

## 2005 Vintage

- Winemakers' Choice Awards 2007: Diamond
- Veritas: Double Gold
- Winemakers' Choice Awards 2008: Diamond

## 2004 Vintage

- Veritas: Double Gold
- Michelangelo Awards: Double Gold
- Swiss International Airline Awards: Gold