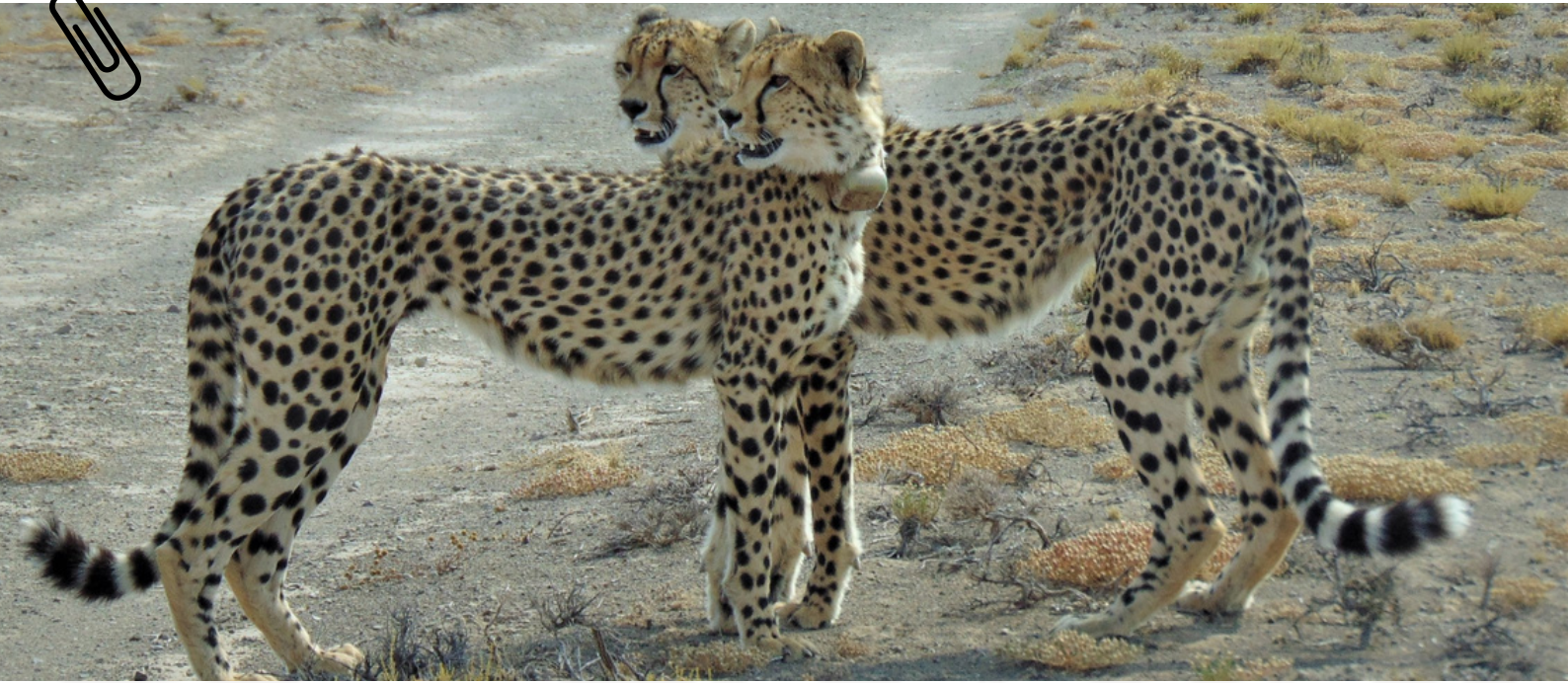


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# ROGGE CLOOF Newsletter



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# Meet the Team

Kitchen Team



Reception Team



Field Guides



Sniffles and Kilifi



Maintenance Team



Groundsmen



Vineyard Harvesting Team



Housekeeping Team



# Rogge Cloof Vineyards 2023

by Ulrich Gerntholtz

This growing season was, as always, full of highs and lows, never a dull moment on Rogge Cloof and Kanolfontein in the Sutherland – Karoo.

On the 7th of October we had our last frost, pruning any time before that, increases the risk of frost damage on the vines. Under the guidance of Rosa Kruger, the season started with pruning of the vines in mid-October 2022, this is much later than other wine regions.

With two dedicated teams tending the vineyards on Rogge Cloof and Kanolfontein we managed to keep weeds at bay by manually removing them.

Welcome rains in December and January helped the growth of the vines, but then the challenges started with extremely hot winds in January, scorching the vines. For the first time we managed to get a good fruit set on the Chardonnay on Rogge Cloof and Kanolfontein. Although powdery mildew and birds took away a fair share of the final crop, we are now optimistic that we can produce Chardonnay in the region.

On the 15th of March the Shiraz and Chardonnay grapes were ready and we harvested our first Chardonnay on Kanolfontein. Harvesting is always a big occasion for the team as all the labour of love comes together, a fun day for all involved. Our wine maker Johan Kruger is over the moon with the quality of the grapes and we are looking forward to tasting the wine.

A big team effort made all this possible and we are grateful that despite some challenges we had a good season. The vines will soon drop their leaves and take a well-deserved rest.

## Wine Awards



**4.5 Stars 2021 Rogge Cloof De Knolefontein - Syrah**

**4 Stars 2020 Cape To Cairo Timbavati - Chardonnay**

**4 Stars 2019 Cape to Cairo Letaba - Pinot Noir**



# We want to meet you!

Joy Strydom from JJRS Consulting, has represented Rogge Cloof Private Nature Reserve at several tourism shows in the past few months. These have included a world-wide travel show, a local workshop with Exclusive Getaways and WTM Africa in partnership with Cape Country Routes.

Be sure to meet up with Joy at Southern Africa's largest travel show, Indaba, in Durban from the 8th to the 11th of May 2023, as well as the second workshop by Exclusive Getaways, taking place on the 12th of May 2023.

Joy can be contacted at [joy@jjrs.co.za](mailto:joy@jjrs.co.za). Joy is happy to meet personally or via zoom to do presentations about Rogge Cloof Private Nature Reserve!



## Upcoming Events

### 8 July 2023, Polar Bear Swim:

Take a dip in the middle of Winter in the coldest place in South Africa, and receive a medal for it!

This will be the third year that swimmers staying at Rogge Cloof take the icy plunge into the farm dam waters! This year, we invite you to join us for this unforgettable, and chilly experience: All for a good cause!

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