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ROGGE CLOOF

Rogge Cloof aims to provide our guests with a unique wine experience reflecting the magic and tastes of the Roggeveld Karoo.

Most premium South African vineyards are close to the ocean, Sutherland-Karoo region however is different in many aspects. Situated 1500m above sea level and 250km from the ocean, makes it the highest and coldest wine region in South Africa. In 2004 the first vines in the Sutherland-Karoo were planted on the sheep farm Kanolfontein and in 2018 we established our own vineyard on Rogge Cloof.

Characteristic of this terroir is the Mediterranean microclimate, with its low humidity, dry winds, clear skies and high light intensity. The growing season in Sutherland is later than expected in sunny South Africa and is also much shorter.

THE WINES

Salpeterkop – Syrah 2016

Named after the Salpeterkop Volcano, which erupted around 75 million years ago. Layers of aromas such as rose petals, black cherries, cloves and freshly milled white pepper. Succulence and richness on the palate ending in a pleasant, long, and ripe finish. The grapes originate from vineyards in the Sutherland-Karoo region and were harvested in 2016. A single vineyard wine, yielding 3 tons per hectare. The fruit is cold soaked for 10 days at 8° Celsius. Whole-bunch fermentation used at low temperatures. Both free-run and press juice used. Aged for 14 months in French oak barrels. A continental climate wine, with a production of 980 bottles.

Joachim Scholtz - Syrah Cabernet Sauvignon Blend 2016

Named after the first title deed owner of Rogge Cloof. A Continental style Syrah/Cabernet Sauvignon Blend. Concentrated aromas of red and black berries, white pepper, with gamey and cocoa undertones. A highly extracted palate with refined tannins, ending in a lengthy finish. These grapes were harvested in 2016 and originate from vineyards in the Sutherland-Karoo region, yielding 2.5 tons per hectare. The fruit is cold soaked for 9 days at 8° Celsius; Pumped over 2-3 times daily to maintain a low temperature in the cap; Whole-bunch fermentation at low temperatures. Both free-run and press juice used. Aged for 15 months in French oak barrels. A continental climate wine, with a production of only 1060 bottles.

Sneeukop - Chenin Blanc 2017

Rogge Cloof Sneeukop, named after the original historic name of Salpeterkop – De Sneeu Kop, has rich layers of citrus, peach, and apple blossom, enhanced by a buttery feel in the mouth and lifted by a fresh acidity. Pronounced intensity nestled in aromas of quince and white peach, hemmed with a vivid note of lemon thyme, fennel, and pear blossom. Harvested by hand, sorted and de-stemmed. Old hardy bush vines, surviving decades of formidable conditions, resulting in a highly complex fruit. The vine yields only 2.5 tons per hectare. Fermentation in French and Hungarian oak, with the wine remaining in barrels for a further 12 months for natural stabilization. Bâtonnage is carried out on a scheduled basis, to add complexity. This wine had a production of 640 bottles.

Cape-to-Cairo - Timbavati – Chardonnay 2020

‘Timbavati’ means “The place where something sacred came down to earth from the Heavens”. On the nose there is citrus, orange blossom, stone fruit, complex oak and a flinty minerality. Flavours are repeated on the palate, with a soft entry, rich mid palate, and fine mineral finish. The grapes for this 2020 Chardonnay come from cooler slopes in Stellenbosch, growing on decomposed granite soils, which lends a natural high acidity and low pH to the grapes, which gives great freshness and a fine mineral acidity to the final wine. Whole bunch pressed, settled over night, after which the juice is racked to French oak barrels to undergo natural fermentation. 25% New oak, with a balance of second, third and fourth fill oak used to give a gentle and complex oak character to the final wine leaving enough space for fruit expression. Matured for 9 months in French Oak with a production of 2000 bottles.

Cape-to-Cairo Letaba – Pinot Noir 2019

‘Letaba’ means “Sandy River” and comes from the Sotho word ‘Lehlaba’. A wine with an intense, vivid translucent youthful purple-ruby appearance. Showing pronounced lifted perfume on the nose with red berry fruit, musk, wild mushrooms and hints of savoury richness and spice and a clean vibrant minerality. The grapes for this 2019 Pinot Noir come from cooler slopes in Stellenbosch and grows on decomposed granite soils, which lends a natural high acidity and low pH to the grapes, which, in turn, gives great freshness and a fine mineral acidity to the final wine. About 20% whole bunch fermentation used in small stainless-steel cuvees with regular pigage for gentle extraction. Matured for 16 months in French Oak.

Gemsbokkop – Malbec Cinsaut Blend 2016

A very light red wine with a fresh punchy red colour, spicy, fruity and smokey characters. Hints of raspberry and blackberry with a wooden undertone. The grapes for this wine were harvested in 2016 in the Western Cape. Matured in French oak for 12 months. The blend is 70% Malbec and 30% Cinsault. This wine had a production of 1050 bottles.

Emineo – Malbec

Emineo is Latin for “being prominent”. A dry, full-bodied Malbec exhibiting rich, dark fruit on the nose and flavours like blackberry and red plum. A juicy and jammy wine, with notes of vanilla, tobacco, dark chocolate, and oak, with medium acid and moderate levels of tannins. Originating from Stellenbosch, yielding 5 tons per hectare with a production of 680 bottles.

De Knolle Fonteyn – Syrah 2021

This wine is the newest wine to our collection, named after the farm Kanolfontein, this vineyard was planted back in 2004. An old-world style Syrah with flavours of berries, spices, and freshly milled pepper. Succulence and richness on the palate ending in a pleasant, long, and ripe finish. A single vineyard wine, yielding 3 tons per hectare, 30% whole bunch fermented and pumped over every day for 10 days. Matured for 8 months in French Oak barrels. This wine had a production of 2400 bottles.