

# Bloemcool

OVP BERG-EN-DAL  
OUPA SE WINGERD  
GRENACHE NOIR

## WINE STORY

BERG-EN-DAL IS THE NAME OF THE FARM WHERE THIS OLD GRENACHE NOIR VINEYARD STANDS IN THE PIEKENIERSKLOOF VALLEY. THE GRENACHE WAS PLANTED IN 1973, MAKING 2023 ITS 50TH YEAR ROOTED IN THESE SOILS, WHERE THE EXTREME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DAY AND NIGHT TEMPERATURES HELPS CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR DRYLAND BUSH VINES. OLD VINE GRENACHE IS SYNONYMOUS WITH THIS AREA, AND SOME OF THE BEST GRENACHE WINES COME FROM GRAPES GROWN HERE. SOME SAY THE FARMERS DIDN'T GET THE MESSAGE TO PLANT FASHIONABLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON IN THE '80S AND '90S — AND WE'RE GRATEFUL THEY DIDN'T!

## WINEMAKING INFO

HANDPICKED EARLY IN THE MORNING, THE GRAPES WERE DELIVERED BY COLD TRUCK FROM PIEKENIERSKLOOF TO THE FV CELLAR. 20% WHOLE BUNCHES WERE PLACED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE Foudre TO ELEVATE THE FRUIT EXPRESSION, WITH STEMS INCLUDED TO ADD AROMATIC INTEREST TO THE NOSE AND A BIT OF GRIP TO THE PALATE. THE REST OF THE BERRIES WERE HAND-SORTED ON TOP. THE WINE WAS LEFT TO START FERMENTATION SPONTANEOUSLY. EXTRACTION USING A COMBINATION OF PUNCH-DOWNS AND PUMP-OVERS, RESPECTING THE BALANCE OF FRUIT AND TANNINS. BASKET-PRESSED TO BARRELS, AFTER 12 MONTHS, THE BEST BARRELS WERE SELECTED FOR THE PUREST EXPRESSION OF THIS BEAUTIFUL VINEYARD SITE AND CULTIVAR.

## TASTING NOTE

CONSISTENT EACH VINTAGE, THESE OLD VINES BRING STABILITY. THE WINE SHOWS TYPICAL ELEVATED BERRY-CHERRY RED FRUIT, FYNBOS, AND SPICES ON THE NOSE. LIGHT-BODIED BUT PACKS A PUNCH. THE PALATE IS COMPLEX WITH LAYERS OF RED FRUIT, A HINT OF LICORICE, AND THE EARTHY SMELL OF WET SOIL AFTER RAIN. GRIPPY TANNINS, YET SUPER SMOOTH.



## CULTIVAR

GRENACHE NOIR

## VINTAGE

2023

## WINE OF ORIGIN

PIEKENIERSKLOOF

## AMOUNT BOTTLED

1350

## BOTTLING DATE

03/2024

## ANALYSIS

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| ALC | 13,54 |
| RS  | 2,6   |
| PH  | 3,52  |
| TA  | 5,5   |
| VA  | 0,53  |