



Donkiesbaai

Grenache Blanc

31°56'00.00"S

Wine of Origin Piekenierskloof

18°16'00.00"E

2023

Far up the west coast, about 3 and a half hours drive north of Cape Town, lies an open bay of white sand strewn with black mussels and kelp, with the icy waters of the Atlantic beating the shore. This is Donkiesbaai, where the Engelbrecht family have holidayed for four generations. This unassuming spot lends its name to our adventurous range of wines from a further-flung corner of South Africa's winelands. The wine was made with the cuisine of the west coast in mind. Crayfish, Harders, and a cold glass of wine is part of the history that is Donkiesbaai.

Vineyards

Grapes are sourced from the Piekenierskloof, approximately 80km from the west coast. Unirrigated bush vines are planted in deep sandy soils. Elevated sites have a warm climate with cooling evening winds. Grapes were harvested on two picking dates. The earlier pick provides freshness and acidity. The second pick lends structure, body, and added concentration to the wine.

Winery

Respecting the delicate flavours of Grenache Blanc, the grapes are whole bunch pressed and allowed to spontaneously ferment. Maturation takes place on the lees; 50% in concrete eggs, 30% in seasoned 500l oak barrels, and 20% in clay amphora.

Tasting Note

An alluring nose of orange blossom perfume is followed by white peach and a spicy hint of pickled ginger. Delicately structured and crisply dry on the palate, the soft and refined fruit follows through onto the palate, showing peach ice tea, citrus fruit and a hint of caramel, that is rounded off with an elegant floral finish.

Alcohol	13.41%	Acidity	5.8g/l
Residual Sugar.....	1.6g/l	pH	3.33

