



SMALL BATCH COLLECTION NO., BABA GRENACHE 2021

2021 was the first harvest of Grenache noir at Joostenberg. Grenache has a reputation for producing excellent red wine in areas with low rainfall and relatively warm conditions during the ripening period. All indications are that it has a lot of potential and good things are expected from the single ha planted on Joostenberg.

TASTING NOTES

Fruity and juicy with not much tannin, as can be expected from young Grenache vines. Aromas and flavours of strawberries, raspberries and cherry.

VINEYARD

Joostenberg is situated in the south western part of the Paarl region. The climate is Mediterranean (cold, wet winters and dry summers) and the soils are a combination of decomposed granite and clay shale. Distance to the ocean is approximately 30km. The vines are farmed organically and every effort is made to follow practices that are respectful of the environment.

From a single, bushvine vineyard planted in 2018. The soil is free-draining and rocky and the vines have been trained in the bush-vine form but slightly higher from the ground than is the tradition in South Africa.

VINIFICATION

Partially de-stemmed (70%) and the remainder left as whole-bunches. Wild-yeast fermentation in open-topped tanks with minimal extraction. 10 months maturation in a seasoned 225L barrel. A small amount of Sulphur added prior to bottling.

ANALYSIS

Alc: 13.5 %, RS: 1.3 g/l, TA: 4.5 g/l, pH: 3.77

