

# 2020 Saffron Rosé

As dawn reveals another day, specialised pickers gather in the seemingly endless fields of violet-blue flowers to begin harvest of the world's most precious spice - saffron. One by one, each of the three stigmas is pulled out of the delicate flower and dried by hand – a lengthy process that makes the spice cost almost as much as gold. Much like this hand-harvested exotic spice, our grape selection is equally as rigorous. With low yielding bush vines grown in unique vineyards, our team is careful to ensure only unblemished bunches undergo light pressing, releasing sensual floral and honey-like aromas. Serve chilled - a masterful match for almost any dish.

## IN THE VINEYARD

The Grenache Noir grapes used to produce this premium Rosé are selected from our vineyards in Darling and from mountain vineyards in Piekenierskloof, both vineyard sites planted under bush vine vineyards. The Darling vineyards are planted in some of the country's finest red oakleaf overlooking the cold Atlantic Ocean and the Piekenierskloof fruit is sourced from low yielding un-irrigated bush vines planted on Piekenierskloof Mountain in 1973.

## HARVEST DATE

Mid-February 2020

## WINEMAKING

Both parcels were handpicked and delivered to the cellar for hand sorting and gentle pressing. The individual components were fermented in old 500 Litres French oak barrels. After fermentation the wine was kept in barrel under temperature control for 8 months. Only five x 500 Litre barrels of wine was made.

## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"We specifically decided on these two unique vineyards sites to create this more serious style of Rosé. The older Piekenierskloof Grenache Noir adds complexity and minerality while the cooler Darling grapes contribute towards more freshness and more fruit flavours. Saffron Rosé is a more complex styled Rosé, a masterful match to almost any dish." - Charl du Plessis

## TASTING NOTE

Light to pale in colour with delicate aromas of rose petal, apple and red cherry. A full bodied dry Rosé with flavours of blackberries, cinnamon spice and lightly-integrated oak.

## RECOGNITION

2018: 91 points - Tim Atkins SA Report Publication 2018  
2018: Double gold: Top SA Rosé 2018  
2017: 91 points - Tim Atkins SA Report Publication 2017  
2017: Double Gold - NWC/Top 100 SA Wines 2018  
2017: Double Gold - Rosé Rocks 2018  
2016: 91 points - Tim Atkins SA Report Publication 2017  
2016: Top 100 status/Double Platinum awards – NWC/Top 100 SA Wines 2017  
2016: Grand Cru National Champion Best in Class – NWC/Top 100 SA Wines 2017



**Wine of Origin** Western Cape

**Alcohol** 13.19%

**Residual sugar** 1.2 g/l

**Total acid** 6.9 g/l

**pH** 3.20

**Grapes Varieties: 100% Grenache**

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