



Safriel House is a family owned wine house founded upon a passion for South African winemaking, grape growing terroir, and hands-on experience in the cellar. Our small batch wines honor the 300 years of winemaking heritage of the Cape, while at the same time incorporating sustainable, innovative and minimal intervention winemaking techniques. Safriel House wines are part of the new wave of South African wineries and express the climate, geology and wine making styles that make South Africa unlike any other growing region in the world.

The Vineyard and Wine

The grapes for the 2017 vintage come from a single 200-year-old farm in the Stellenbosch Kloof area. The vineyards are almost equidistant to the cool winds of the Atlantic Ocean to the West, and False Bay to the South. The vines are 28 years old, trained to 5 wire trellising, pruned to cordon with spurs and planted in North West facing vineyards with Oakleaf, granite and Kroonstad soils. Overhead drip irrigation was used to compensate for the dry summer but yields strenuously restricted to 8 ton/ha. Fermentation was started with the grapes' natural yeast from 24 balling down to 10 balling and then inoculated with cultured yeast to ensure 100% fermentation and to keep the wine healthy. In keeping with the natural approach, the wine is not fined and only filtered through a sheet filter into the bottle.

Technical details: ALC - 13.54% Vol; PH - 3.59; RS - 1.5 g/l; TA - 6.5 g/l.

Oak Aging

12 months of wood aging in French oak from Alliers and Nevers regions using seasoned wood (2nd to 5th fill barrels) so as not to overwhelm the wine.

Overview and Tasting Notes:

2017 was a dry vintage in Stellenbosch with concentrated flavors. This is a lovely, elegant red with ripe, red fruits and an easy-going texture. It's not a light wine although all too easy to drink. Best with good food but fine for a party. The wine comes from old vineyards, mostly fermented with its natural yeast and aged in French oak. It's medium to full bodied, easy, fruity and supple enough to drink quite young but will improve with age.



South Africa's Winelands



Winemaker Marius Malan studied winemaking and then certified as a Wine Master.