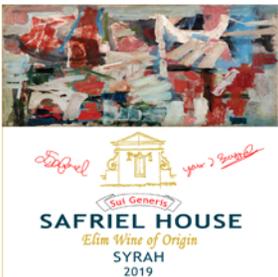




Safriel House is a family owned wine house founded upon a passion for South African winemaking, grape growing terroir, and hands-on experience in the cellar. Our small batch wines honor the 300 years of winemaking heritage of the Cape, while at the same time incorporating sustainable, innovative and 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

At the southernmost tip of Africa one finds the 'Cape of Storms', better known as Cape Agulhas. The weather that boils up where the cold Atlantic meets the warm Indian Ocean can be savage, with many a sailor's voyage ending on the shallow reefs. The Elim ward and it's quaint little town with thatched cottages, is situated on this peninsula, at the heart of which is its Mission church. The name Elim, meaning "place of God" originates from a biblical reference in Exodus 15:27: After crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites came to Elim, where they found springs, palm trees, and camped near the water.

Harvested from the lovely vineyards of Elim on soils varying from shale, gravel and Ferricrete also known as Koffieklip, minimal intervention throughout the winemaking process created a beautiful medium-bodied red. The 2019 Syrah is a great example of cool-climate Northern Rhone Syrah. After de-stemming, the wine fermented naturally in open-top fermenters and benefitted from daily punch-downs. The wine then spent 11 months in new and older French oak.

### Tasting Notes

The wine is restrained and savory with precision & purity in its trademark aromas of fynbos, tealeaf & pepper over plum fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp acidity that lends energy and tension towards the precise and detailed finish. This is a superb, sophisticated and nuanced Syrah that should age with style.



Lynne Safriel in the maturation cellar



The dominant soil is the distinctive Koffieklip (Coffee Stone) consisting of lumps of iron-rich clay cementing together smaller stones.