



OPSTAL

VINE TALKER

ESTATE AND TERROIR



Slanghoek, Breedekloof Valley Appellation



410 Ha (101 Ha under vine), Established 1847



Mediterranean climate with Cooler valley influence. Hot Summers, Cold Winters.



Drip irrigation from Estate Reservoir as needed.
High rainfall area with 1600mm+ p/a.



290 - 370m above sea level
North-facing slope, valley floor



Star Varieties: Chenin Blanc, Roussanne, Colombard, Carignan, Grenache, Cinsaut
Age of Vines: Oldest 1982 Chenin (Carl Everson)
Rootstock: Richter 99, Richter 110
Clones: Varying. Core Chenin (SN24, SN1061). Research clonal site for data analysis with SA Wine and GenZ Project on 10 Chenin clones.
Trellis: Vertical Shoot Positioning (VSP)
Low Trellis, Raised Bushvine

SOILS

Clay-rich Sandstone
Ancient Shale
Alluvial Riverbed



Farming: Holistic System to protect and respect eco-system with spot-spraying when needed. Dexter cattle for weed control and natural compost. Cereal cover crops (radish). Recycled organic matter (pressed skins, estate wood) for mulching. Orchard farming on estate (nutrients).



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CELLAR APPROACH

Holistic Philosophy: Attie Louw is the 7th generation farmer and winemaker whose ethos is to care for the soil, fauna, and flora to ensure the land remains sustainably healthy, providing a lasting home and inheritance for future generations. He reuses organic materials, Dexter cattle, and proud conservation to produce exceptional grapes. Focusing on early picking, gentle sorting, cold soaking, blending, and settling to emphasize the fruit's purity and site terroir.



Hand pruned, hand harvested.
Community upliftment, reinvestment and education through employment.



Yeasts

Indigenous and Wild Yeast



Filtering: Yes, gently
Fining: Yes, as needed
Vegan Friendly: Yes
Closure: Screwcap, Cork (Diam)
Bottles: Recycled locally made glass
Lightweight bottles (from 350g)

VESSELS

Concrete Egg
Stainless Steel Tanks
French Oak (neutral)
Foudres



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