



THISTLE & WEED

Paarl - South Africa

Background

Thistle & Weed, founded in 2015 by viticulturist Etienne Terblanche and winemaker Stephanie Wiid, is inspired by the hardy weeds that thrive among the vineyards. Each bottle is named after a colloquial Afrikaans term for a local weed, emphasizing their unapologetically Cape identity. At the forefront of climate-adapted winemaking, Thistle & Weed champions drought-resistant cultivars suited to South Africa's evolving climate. Their blends, 'Khakibos' (white) and 'Nastergal' (red), feature Portuguese varieties inspired by Iberian wines, showcasing the Cape's potential for resilience and innovation. The Thistle & Weed portfolio also includes two single-origin Chenin Blancs from Paarl and Stellenbosch, a regional Chenin Blanc, and a biodynamic Cabernet Franc from Stellenbosch. Their whites are whole-bunch pressed, while the reds combine berries and bunches. Thistle & Weed's wines are a perfect mix of innovation and tradition, blending the Cape's untamed beauty with a bold, forward-thinking approach to winemaking.

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Highlights

- 1** Thistle & Weed is a project by Stephanie Wiid (lauded winemaker) & Etienne Terblanche (one of the Cape's most respected viticulturists).
- 2** The wines' names are all references to the Afrikaans terms for common vineyard weeds that are as hardy as the vines themselves.
- 3** In 2024, Stephanie was named South Africa's Young Winemaker of the Year by Tim Atkin, MW - a huge honor and incredibly deserved.

Wines



Varietal Wines SRP \$25-35

This range includes three Chenin Blancs (two single-vineyard, one from throughout the Western Cape) and a biodynamically farmed Cab Franc.

Blends SRP \$30

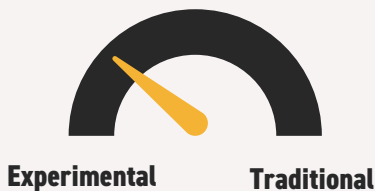
The blends are perhaps what defines Thistle & Weed the most. 'Khakibos' (white) and 'Nastergal' (red) are both made primarily from climate-appropriate Portuguese varieties.



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Packaging



Press

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My favourite of the superb trio of terroir-specific Chenin Blancs... Up there with the best of the Cape.

96 points

TIM ATKIN, MW

'Brandnetel' Chenin Blanc 2022