



THISTLE & WEED

Stellenbosch - 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 resiliency. 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.

Highlights

- 1** Thistle & Weed is a label by lauded winemaker Stephanie Wiid & 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 very well deserved accolade.

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 \$25-27

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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BIODYNAMIC



NATURAL



VEGAN

Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

Press

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Racy, elegant and perfumed, it's a tribute to the wines of the Loire Valley... Graceful, ethereal stuff.

95 points

TIM ATKIN, MW

'Knapsekêrel' Cabernet Franc 2023