



# THORNE & DAUGHTERS

*Botrivier - South Africa*

## Background

Thorne and Daughters Wines, founded in 2012 by John and Tasha Seccombe, is known for producing some of South Africa's best white wines. "Raising our handcrafted wines along with our two daughters," is their motto, and it underscores their steady commitment to perfecting their craft and premiumizing the category. It also nods to their choice to name their wines after children's toys. John is a master blender, evidenced by his white Rocking Horse and red Wanderer's Heart blends, two of South Africa's best values on the market today. The wines in his single-vineyard, varietal range ('Snakes & Ladders' Sauvignon Blanc, 'Cat's Cradle' Chenin Blanc, 'Paper Kite' Sémillon Blanc, & 'Tin Soldier' Sémillon Gris) are exacting and full of old-vine character. John's ability to hone a consistent, textured profile across his wines while reflecting the site is marvelous. Thorne & Daughters perfectly tells the story of a once-and-future South Africa: old vineyards, old-school simplicity, and modern precision.

## Highlights

- 1 Thorne & Daughters, led by winemaker John Seccombe, is one of South Africa's best white wine producers.
- 2 The wines (two blends, a regional Chardonnay, and four single-vineyard, varietal wines) come from all over the Western Cape.
- 3 John's calling card is texture, and he has a penchant for 'forgotten' varieties like Clairette Blanche and Sémillon.

## Wines



### Regional & Varietal Blends SRP \$25-27

There is amazing value to be had in these wines: Rocking Horse (a layered, barrel-aged white), Menagerie (a cooler climate Chardonnay), and Wanderer's Heart (partial-whole cluster red).

### Single Vineyard, Varietal Range SRP \$40-44

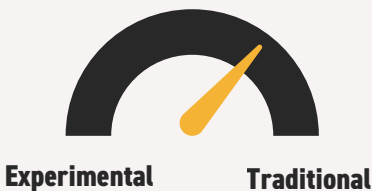
This range consists of a Chenin Blanc, Sémillon Blanc, Sémillon Gris, and Sauvignon Blanc that are all aged in used oak barrels. Great tension and texture.



## Ethos



## Packaging



## Press

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A triumph being both multifaceted but also completely coherent... A wine of pin-point accuracy.

**98 points**

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**'Rocking Horse' Cape White Blend 2023**