



Boschkloof

2019

SYRAH

Stellenbosch - South Africa



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Syrah

Vineyard: Boschklouf Estate

Vine Age: 26-years-old

Soil Type: Decomposed granite over ironstone

Viticulture: Practicing organic

Fermentation: Native – stainless-steel open-top tanks (30% whole-cluster)

Skin Contact: 16 days

Aging: 14 months in old French oak (15% new)

Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.58

Total Acidity: 5.5 g/L

Total SO₂: 94 ppm

Total Production: 917 cases

UPC: 6008409000168

Reviews

Tim Atkin, MW | 94 points

Platter's Guide | 92 points

About

Cabernet Sauvignon is the most planted red variety in Stellenbosch, but it might be Syrah that can achieve the highest highs...albeit in certain pockets. Polkadraai is the sub-region of Stellenbosch where so many exciting things are happening (like the new chapter at Boschklouf) and Syrah is at the front of this excitement. Boschklouf, unlike most Stellenbosch producers, is renowned for Syrah. The perfect marriage of peppery/savoriness with rich fruit is what truly puts the grape on a pedestal here. In 2019, Tim Atkin, MW, named his red wine of the year a Boschklouf Syrah from the 2017 vintage. The 2019 vintage continues in the same ethos that has always driven Reenen's winemaking style: hands-off approach, aiming for the typical Syrah perfume and fruit profile to be dominant.

Clones SH21 & SH99 were handpicked and fermented with ambient yeast, roughly 30% whole-bunch, in open-top stainless-steel tanks. The wine sat on the skins for 16 days prior to being gently pressed to old French barriques (15% new and the rest 2nd and 3rd passage), where it aged for 14 months. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in barrel and a small dose of sulfur dioxide was added post-ML. The wine was bottled without fining, a light sheet filtration at bottling and a small dose of SO₂.

Tasting Note

This is very well-crafted, clean Syrah. It has those classic cracked black pepper notes, supported by a dark fruit profile (blackberry, black currant, plum, blueberry) and a wave of floral perfume. The palate is medium-bodied and wrapped in voluptuous tannins. The texture is über smooth, but the finish is powerful and focused.