



Background

Vino pH was founded by Pauline Roux and Hanneke Krüger, two passionate winemakers from France and South Africa, respectively. Friends first, they bonded while Pauline was at Lammershoek and Hanneke was working with Adi Badenhorst in the Paardeberg. Their partnership solidified with harvest daydreams during a stint in Italy, leading to the creation of Vino pH. Both women see winemaking as a blend of science and soul, driven by curiosity, discipline, and feminine intuition. Today, 'p' (Pauline) has passed the winemaking and sales baton fully to 'H' (Hanneke) but will continue to consult on the marketing side. Hanneke, along with her husband Thinus of FRAM, has moved to Piket-bo-berg, where Vino pH will be based starting in 2024. This is a new, high elevation ward within the Swartland where Johan 'Stompie' Meyer of Mother Rock also lives and makes wines. The wines will continue to be farmed organically, hand harvested, and made without any additions but sulfur at bottling.

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Highlights

- 1** Vino pH is a winemaking project founded by Pauline Roux (p) and Hanneke Kruger (H) in the Swartland, South Africa.
- 2** The wines are minimalist in style, with a focus on under-appreciated varieties like Palomino and Bukkettraube.
- 3** Starting in 2024, the cellar will be based in Piket-bo-berg, a new high-elevation ward in northern Swartland.

Wines



'pH' Palomino SRP \$27

This is a racy, nutty Palomino that sees a few days of skin contact and is mostly barrel-fermented. It is meant to show that this grape can do much more than produce brandy!



'PhD' Méthode Ancestrale SRP \$30

This Bukkettraube-based bubbly is muscat-like: floral, citrusy, and bright. Five days of skin contact adds a tingly grip. P = Pauline, H = Hanneke, D = Adi Badenhorst, who offered guidance with this wine.

Ethos



NATURAL



VEGAN

Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

Press

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POINTS

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“...[made by] Adi Badenhorst's talented winemaker, Hanneke Krüger... bready intensity and a refreshing, stony finish.

TIM ATKIN, MW
'pH' Palomino 2021