



CHARLA HAASBROEK

Malgas - South Africa



Background

Charla Bosman (née Haasbroek) leads this small wine project in Malgas, a very remote town in South Africa's Cape South Coast. After studying at the University of Stellenbosch and gaining experience at Kanonkop, Tokara, and Margerum Wines in California, Charla made the inaugural old vine Chenin Blanc for Patatsfontein. By 25, she became Sijnn's head winemaker, and this is where she continues to source fruit and make the wines under her eponymous label. Charla's wine project includes a varietal Chenin Blanc and a Grenache-Syrah blend. The grapes come from Sijnn's untrellised bush vines growing on red river stones over Bokkeveld shale. Her winemaking focuses on simplicity and authenticity: native yeast fermentations, lees aging, no filtration, and manual bottling and labeling. Her wine labels, reflecting her clear vision and hands-on approach, are embossed and gold-foiled on textured ivory paper, offering a tactile introduction to the wine's deeply layered character. In a nutshell, Charla Haasbroek epitomizes small-batch, placed-based winemaking.

Highlights

- 1 Charla Haasbroek is a small-batch, single-vineyard wine project based in the remote town of Malgas, South Africa.
- 2 The fruit comes from Sijnn's untrellised bush vines grown on large river stones. Charla is also the head winemaker at Sijnn.
- 3 This project focuses on site specificity through native yeast fermentations, lees aging, and no filtration.

Wines

SRP \$30



Chenin Blanc

Charla's Chenin Blanc is textured from whole-bunch fermentation, rounded, and mineral. There is a richness without being heavy.



Grenache-Syrah

This is a partial whole-bunch, equal parts Grenache and Syrah blend that ages in used oak. It's on the spicy and savory side, with vibrant red fruits making up the palate.

Ethos



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

Press



Precisely made but equally full of character.

95 points

Christian Eedes

'Prince of Peace' Grenache-Syrah 2021