

CITY ON A HILL

Sky

2022

PERSPECTIVE

We call this vineyard “Sky” because of its almost 400m altitude. The vineyard sits exposed on top of a slope in the Paardeberg mountain with an amazing view of the Swartland. Its extreme setting results in a wine that is more focused and linear than our other Chenins but this also leaves the vineyard unprotected in a sense. In 2022 this vineyard was hit hard by several heatwaves and strong wind which scorched the leaves of half of the vineyard. We had to reduce the crop significantly and pick the remaining grapes early to help the vines. Even in difficult conditions such as these, Sky produces a wine of immense quality.

VINEYARD

Year of planting: 1998

Grapes: Chenin blanc

Soil type: Granite and decomposed granite

Cultivation: Dry farmed bush vines

Location: Swartland (Paardeberg)

VINIFICATION

Style: Dry

Fermentation: Native yeasts | 100% MLF

Vessels: Old 300 litre oak barrels

ANALYSIS

Alc 12.5%

RS 2.5g/L

TA 5.9 g/L

pH 3.30