



ROODEKRANTZ

Artisan Range

“Die Filosoof” Paarl/Swartland Syrah 2024



Vineyard

Age of Vines: Multiple vineyards: 15 - 20 years

Location: Paarl & Swartland

Viticulture: Irrigated trellised vineyards

Soil Type: Duplex Malmesbury shale and granite

Harvest Report 2024

The 2024 season will be remembered for its extremely wet and cold winter and spring. With the arrival of summer, the weather changed to very dry and windy conditions, which would have a major effect on the crop size. January was very warm, which brought the harvest forward.

Vinification

Fermentation: 10% of the grapes underwent whole bunch fermentation in a small open fermenter, while 90% of the grapes were destemmed and fermented in open fermenters. Carefully managed punch downs and pump overs were employed to extract optimal colour and flavours from the skins.

Maturation: After primary fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th fill French oak barrels, where it matured for an extended period of 14 months.

Total Production: 2700 bottles

Tasting Profile

Complex and savoury aromas of dried oreganum, mint, black olives, cracked black pepper, and cured meats, all supported by concentrated purple and black fruits. The palate is dry and structured, with fine, linear tannins framing flavours of blackberry, ripe plum, olive tapenade and black figs. A well-judged line of acidity brings poise and balance, while the oak remains seamlessly integrated. The finish is long and layered, showing flavours of graphite, black fruit pastilles, spice, and a distinctive earthy dustiness. Elegant yet assured, this Syrah delivers depth, focus, and a refined savoury intensity.

Food Pairings

- Chargrilled lamb chops with rosemary and black pepper
- Slow-braised beef short rib or oxtail with aromatic herbs
- Venison loin with juniper and berry jus
- Duck breast with olive tapenade or cherry glaze
- Charred aubergine, mushroom ragout, or other earthy vegetarian dishes

Alc: 13.39% • **RS:** 3.4 g/L • **TA:** 5.6 g/L • **pH:** 3.55

Roodekrantz is a boutique producer that specializes in crafting artisanal, site-specific wines.

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