

# Raaigras Grenache 2017

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## HARVEST & VINTAGE NOTES

This vineyard was planted in 1952 on decomposed granite soils. It has South East exposition and is 0.86 ha.

They say this is the oldest Grenache vineyard in South Africa, and its 12 long rows can be found on Kalmoesfontein farm. The vineyard has an energy and presence about it. The vines are magnificent and low bearing. The soils are beautifully reflected in the wine.

The grapes are sorted meticulously in the vineyard and transported in small picking boxes to a refrigerated container where they are left overnight to cool. The bunches are destemmed and fermented in an old foudre while being pumped over once daily. When fermentation is almost completed, the vat is pressed and the must is moved to 500L vats for 14 months. This wine was bottled directly off its gross lees immediately after MLF.

Fresh, with licorice hints behind mulberry and red currant flavors. Sanguine and oregano notes introduce themselves midpalate, along with grippy tannins and vibrant acidity, giving this another dimension.



WINEMAKER: Adi Badenhorst

GRAPES: 100% Grenache

VINE AGE: 65 years

ALCOHOL: 13%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.1g/L

PH: 3.62 g/L

TOTAL SULPHUR: 60 ppm

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.3 g/L



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