

disco kit

october playlist

all mapped out:



wines of south africa

Though it is often characterized as a New World region, Africa has been home to vineyards since 2500 BCE, and South Africa has been prominently producing wine since the 17th century. Spanning the coast and prospering within the influencing reach of the swirling ocean currents, the Western Cape is South Africa's largest and most prolific production region. The subregions here boast varying climates that are tempered by the cooling breezes of converging oceans, suitable for supporting a myriad of varieties.



Bot River Chenin Blanc *beaumont - sebastian beaumont*

Vintage: 2022
Location: Bot River, Cape South Coast, SA
Style: White
Grapes: Chenin Blanc

Though it owes much of its popularity to French origins, high-acid Chenin thrives in the hospitable climates of the Western Cape, which features more plantings than Chenin's Loire Valley home. This bottle finds its roots in Bot River, where the ocean-cooled climate accentuates the grape's iconic driving acidity - perfect for balancing out the intense fruity ripeness driven by warm summer days. Following after his mother's legacy, Sebastian Beaumont leans into balanced control methods to provide an enticingly sincere expression of the grape.



Rocking Horse Cape White *thorne & daughters - tasha and john seccombe*

Vintage: 2021
Location: Western Cape, South Africa
Style: White Blend
Grapes: 39% Semillon, 28% Roussanne, 14% Chenin, 13% Chardonnay, 10% Clairette Blanche

The Cape of Good Hope is the legendary point of convergence, where the sea wraps into the bay, creating a singular eddy of climate and geology. The Seccombes believe the most impactful work of winemaking is done in the vineyard. This comprehensive blend is a showcase of Cape subregions intended to delve deep beyond the primary fruit notes to express the air, sunshine, and unique vibe of the region. The resulting juice is a delicious narrative, weaving a throughline from tropical fruit to high-wire acidity, landing gracefully on a saline mineral finish.



'Hell Yeah' Pinotage *the blacksmith - tremayne smith*

Vintage: 2022
Location: Itata Valley, Chile
Style: Red
Grapes: País (aka Mission, Criolla, Listán Prieto)

A lab-hybrid of Pinot Noir and Cinsault, Pinotage is South Africa's polarizing heritage varietal. The deleterious effects of bulk production and ill-suited methods have skewed the grape's reputation toward bombastic expression, but recent movements aim to resituate Pinotage in the best climate and employ vinification methods to poise its more distinct characteristics. Smith's restraint emphasizes the best attributes of the grape's parentage - the fresh juiciness of Cinsault with the textural subtleties and spice of Pinot Noir.



'Kottabos' G-S *boschloof - family collective*

Vintage: 2021
Location: Stellenbosch, South Africa
Style: Red
Grapes: 67% Grenache, 33% Syrah

Kottabos is an ancient Etruscan and Greek drinking game involving the flinging of wine and lees. Its namesake wine is certainly one you'll want to celebrate - though you won't want to waste it on a wine fight! Its fruit comes from vineyards in the Polkadraai hills, where hot days are tempered by the cooling winds of the False Bay and the soil boasts compositions of granite and ferricrete (known as 'koffieklip' in Afrikaans). Grenache from this microclimate shows provocative aromas and red fruit liquidity backed by the heady Syrah-driven earth and spice.

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