

Huis Van Chevallerie

South Africa - Western Cape

Huis Van Chevallerie is known for producing some of the best sparkling wines in the Swartland. Kyselá distributes their Sparkling Chenin Blanc Brut Nature, called Filia. Filia - Latin for daughter - is the embodiment of their family passion for the Paardeberg, old vines and farming heritage.

The Paardeberg - which translated to 'horse mountain - was named as such by the first European settlers to the Swartland, due to the abundance of Quaggas (Cape Mountain Zebra) that roamed its fynbos thicket-covered granite slopes. The mountain lies in the Swartland, characterized by its verdant rolling wheat fields, ancient soils and the treasure trove of old bush vines.

Huis Van Chevallerie is owned by & named for sisters, Christa, Julie & Gerda Klostermann von La Chevallerie ('huis' is Afrikaans for Domaine; 'van' is Afrikaans for the German aristocratic title von). They were raised on the same 271-acre farm (Nuwedam Farm) where the vines grown today, which was purchased by their father, Juergen, in 1956. They have 20 hectares (49 acres) of old bush vines, planted by their father in 1976, at an altitude of 333 meters. The vines are on a north-northeastern facing slope, where they receive direct sun during hot Swartland summer. The elevation, clay content of the soils, frequent summer showers and an almost clockwork breeze which tumbles down the Paardeberg during the summer months significantly cools the vines, creating the ideal micro-climate for the fruit to ripen optimally. Vineyards are all dry-land farmed.

Chevallerie produces Chenin Blanc and Pinotage, with an annual production of 937 cases. Yields are low at 1.2 tons/ha, but the fruit produced has an exceptional richness, complexity and depth of flavor - even though the fruit is harvested at relatively low sugar levels, the inherent Chenin richness comes to the fore.



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Location
South Africa
Wine Production Area
South Africa - Western Cape - Coastal Region - Swartland
Owners
Christa, Julie and Gerda von La Chevallerie
Winemaker
Christa von La Chevallerie
Grape Varietals
Chenin Blanc, Pinotage
Website