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Tamboerskloof wines
& de Boerin olive oil*



Kleinood Tamboerskloof Syrah 2016

The excellence of the Tamboerskloof Syrah 2016 vintage is confirmed by 94/100 points awarded by world renowned wine critic, Tim Atkin, and a Gold Medal award at Syrah du Monde International competition of the best Syrah wines of the world.

Once again the ethical and meticulous approach where no viticultural or oenological effort is spared in the delicate balance between science and passion and the winery designed to afford the wine maker the most flexibility possible, underpinned by a dedication to producing a singular and intensely personal wine of the highest quality, has produced a vintage of excellence.

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Technical Notes

<u>GRAPES</u>	95 % Shiraz Clones 174, 300, 470, 747 4 % Mourvèdre Clones MT 11 1 % Viognier Clones VR 642
ASPECT	North Facing
ALTITUDE	176 to 198 above MSL
DISTANCE FROM SEA	18km
SOIL TYPE	Tukulu, Kroonstad, Klappmuts, Witfontein
ROOTSTOCK	MGT101-14 and R99
VINES ESTABLISHED	2001
TRELLISING	7 Wire Perold System (Vertical shoot positioning);
PRUNING	2 bud spurs
HARVEST DATE	Mid March 2016
BOTTLING DATE	24 January 2018
<u>WINEMAKING RECORD</u>	The grapes were picked by hand into lug boxes weighing roughly 17kg each. Before proceeding to stainless steel tanks, grapes were sorted three times and transported without a pump into the fermentation vessels. A combination of old-style winemaking techniques with modern technology takes care of creating our unique hand crafted wine. Fermented at 24-26.5°C for 11 to 16 days.
<u>BARREL MATURATION</u>	18 months in 300 and 500 litre French oak barrels, 15% first fill and the remainder in older barrels.
<u>WINE ANALYSIS</u>	
Alcohol	14.5 % volume
Total Acid	6.1 g/l
pH	pH 3.37
Residual Sugar	1.9 g/l
Cellaring Potential	10 years
<u>WINE MAKER'S COMMENTS</u>	A bright ruby colour. Complex 2016 fruit develop into cranberry and blackberry, exquisitely opening the violets and jasmine notes. The entry is elegant with well rounded tannin and the fruitful follow-through from nose causing the finish to linger.
<u>FOOD PAIRING</u>	The elegance of the wine makes it a super versatile with your food pairing, however red meats, duck, ostrich fillet and venison stand out. Also, at its very best with a warm fire and good company.

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Tamboerskloof Syrah Awards

Tamboerskloof Syrah 2016

- *93/100 - Decanter
- * 94/100 - Tim Atkin
- *94/100 - SA Wine Mag Mag
- * 4½ stars - John Platter Wine Guide

Tamboerskloof Syrah 2015

- * Gold Medal - Syrah du Monde Int. 2018 (France)
- * 4½ stars - John Platter Wine Guide
- * 94 points - Tim Atkin, Harvest Report, 2018 (UK)
- * 91 points - Neal Martin. "This is a delight." (Vinous)
- * 16.5/20 - Jancis Robinson
- * Silver Award - Mundus Vini

Tamboerskloof Syrah 2014

- * 91 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate
- * 91 points - Gilbert & Gaillard, French experts on Wine
- * 90 points - Tim atkin

Tamboerskloof Syrah 2013

- * 91 points - Wine Spectator
- * 92 points - Tim Atkin, SA Report
- * 92 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate
- * 16.5/20 points - Jancis Robinson
- * Silver Medal - Int. Wine & Spirit Competition

Tamboerskloof Syrah 2012

- * Gold Medal - Berlin Wine Trophy Awards
- * 17+/20 points - Jancis Robinson
- * 94 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate
- * 91 points - Tim Atkin
- * Silver Medal - Int. Wine & Spirit Competition



The Tamboerskloof Syrah is quite vivacious with "cool" scents of mulberry and raspberry coulis, a touch of blackcurrant pastilles, hints of orange blossom developing with time. The palate has a ripe and generous bouquet; is medium-bodied with supple super-fine tannin, crisp acidity and beautifully balanced. A subtle Syrah at first, but delivering all the flavour and body you expect from this grape variety, the new oak lending smoothness to the texture, good body and presence with a pleasant chewiness and spiciness that flows through on the finish, retaining the Cornas-like finish throughout. There is killer purity here, a gentle crescendo in the mouth towards a poised, saline finish. A quite brilliant wine. When you factor in price, it's a no-brainer. – Neal Martin, eRobertParker.com

The Tamboerskloof Syrah is a cuvée with Mourvèdre and Viognier - a great release from this impressive operation on the Upper Blaauwklippen Road. The oak is quite marked here, but it's supported by clove and pepper spice notes, some tapenade and liquorice, a core of red fruits and a granitic bite. This is a mini Côte Rôtie, with lots of perfume and freshness. – Tim Atkin, South Africa Report

Tremendous power coursing through the compact, black ripe, cherry fruit and glossy Moroccan leather tannins - spicy, rich and concentrated, with super purity and elegance and a smart acidic line – great balance of freshness and mouth-watering finish. The fruit gleams like black-crimson jewels. Crisp, juicy, sophisticated, age worthy. – Jancis Robinson