

DALKEITH

JAKKALSFONTEIN SYRAH

2023

Dalkeith offers a handcrafted selection of distinct wines with a light footprint, perfect for spirited wine lovers who believe that wine should be as thoughtful as it is thought provoking. Through considered farming practices and minimal intervention winemaking techniques which honour the land and the people, Dalkeith produces storied wines of character and intrigue which are shifting perspectives of premium South African wines. Dalkeith is more than just a winery, it's a way of life.

VINTAGE NOTES

Winter temperatures were mostly warmer across all the wine-producing regions and the rainfall was significantly less. Average cold units and less snowfall than the previous season occurred on mountain peaks. However, it was still enough to meet the vineyards' cooling needs. Physiological processes in the vineyard started earlier due to the mostly warmer spring and dry soil conditions. A much cooler and smaller 2023 wine grape season with outstanding quality.

WINEMAKING

All grapes were hand picked at optimal ripeness and brought to the cellar in 500kg bins. Here they were destemmed and berries were sorted on the vibrating sorting table. The sorted grapes were then transferred to the fermentation tank with a mobile receiving tank. Cold soaked for 3 days at 10 degrees. Inoculated after 3 days with fermentation lasting another 10 days. The must was pressed and the wines stored in older barrels for 9 months. The wine was blended and lightly filtered before bottling in November 2023.

TASTING NOTES

- Layers of pepper spice, dried herbs, dalkberries and juicy plum.
- Fine grained tannins and black olive tapenade notes on the palate.

WINE STATISTICS

REGION: Swartland

COMPOSITION: 100% Syrah

BARREL AGING: 9 months, 100% neutral oak

ALCOHOL: 13.35%

TA: 5

pH: 3.77

RS: 1.9 g/L

HARVEST DATES: Jan 13 - Mar 15, 2023

CASE PRODUCTION: 480 9L cases

