



# PORCUPINE RIDGE

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## SYRAH 2019

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### FACT SHEET

**Alcohol:** 14.44%/vol  
**RS:** 3.00 g/l  
**TA:** 5.20 g/l  
**pH:** 3.72  
**Origin:** Swartland

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#### Vinification & Winemaker's Comments

The 2019 vintage was slightly larger than the drought-stricken 2018. We were blessed smaller Syrah bunches with exceptional quality berries and outstanding concentration. The Swartland being renowned for producing Syrah, we believe that we can taste the unique climate and sunny shale soils in our wines made from this cultivar. The characteristic perfumey profile is classic and the opulent violets a hallmark of Swartland Syrah. We aim for structure and texture with pronounced aromatics, and textbook analysis enabled us to again produce a wine showing great varietal expression. Gentle winemaking practices with minimum intervention contribute to this beautifully approachable Rhône-style wine. We only use French oak barriques and always choose to focus on fruit, rather than oak derived flavours.

#### Tasting Notes

The nose is bold and complex, offering an abundance of dark plums, violets, cured meat and black olives. The perfume of the nose follows through onto the palate with notes of liquorice, aniseed and allspice. The wine is full-bodied with grippy tannins and ample acidity to create exceptional balance and structure. The violets of the nose linger on the finish with classic hints of white pepper.

