



2021 VINHO ROCHAS

94% Syrah, 4% Tempranillo, 2% Pinot

Discover a place of whales and wonder, where wines are born from rocky limestone soil in a remote and unspoilt corner of the Cape South Coast. Here vines overcome fierce elements to create fruit with singular character and depth of flavour. Beyond evocative wine, Baleia is also about finding harmony between self, others and nature in pursuit of life's perfect equilibrium.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

Wines are made in the vineyard and it is our responsibility in the cellar to trust the work that has been done all year and the terroir in which the wines are grown. We respect the fruit and play our hand very lightly in the cellar so has to ensure that the wines reflect a true sense of place.

VINEYARD PHILOSOPHY

Baleia believes that living soils = strong roots = healthy vines = perfectly ripened fruit. We believe that through science and meticulous farming with attention to the details, we can produce grapes that truly reflect the terroir in which they are grown.

VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was characterised as a temperate vintage with a dry growing season, resulting in lovely dark fruit flavours. The cool 2019 winter and a year of relatively low stress produced a softer fruit profile which elevates the mineral character in the wines.

WINELIST DESCRIPTION

Vibrant and juicy bursting with minerality, this 'Wine From Rock' made from Syrah and Tempranillo, truly reflects the rocky soils in which its grown.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

YEAR PLANTED	2009
CLONES	SH22 and TP4
ROOTSTOCK	Richter 110
PICKING TIME	6am-10am, 1st week of March
TRELLIS SYSTEM	7-wire perold
PRUNING STYLE	Spur pruned with 2 buds per spur
SLOPE	7 degrees South
ROW DIRECTION	East/West
BLOCK NR(S)	14 Syr and TP 13
ALTITUDE	99m
DISTANCE TO OCEAN	9km
DISTANCE TO FERMENTATION	28km
SOIL	Agglomerated Limestone

ALCOHOL	13.5%
RESIDUAL SUGAR	2.4 g/L
TOTAL ACIDITY	5.4 g/L
VOLATILE ACIDITY	0.65 g/L
PH	3.59