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# SILKBUSH

THE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

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WINES MADE AT ALTITUDE  
WITH ATTITUDE

Through mysterious symbiosis between man  
and nature, vineyards and mountain,  
roughness and perfection, our  
wines are created.

ABOUT US

# OUR STORY



Silkbush Mountain Vineyards was established in 2000 and lies in the Breedekloof area on the Western slopes of the Waaihoek mountains; approximately 36km from Worcester. The farm previously produced white grapes, fruit trees and grain, but was redeveloped and planted to 87ha of mostly noble red wine grape varieties. Extensive renovations and improvements were made to irrigation dams, worker housing and infrastructure over the last two decades.

The company was founded by its two executive directors; Anton Roos B.Sc.(Agric) and Dave Jefferson (MBA). Dave has been in the Californian wine business for the past forty years, where he developed and manages over 300 ha of wine grapes. He first visited South Africa in 1994; met Anton in 1997 and subsequently, Silkbush Mountain Vineyards was born. Anton currently is the acting Managing Director while his sons Francois and Johann recently joined the company to help expand and grow Anton and Dave's dream. Francois, a BSc (Agric) graduate is the Viticulturist



while Johann [BSc (Microbiology)] is looking after Sales and Marketing.

Silkbush is an established vineyard, producing roughly 1100 tons of grapes yearly. We are focused on producing quality grapes for six different wineries with established brands, including our own. Silkbush delivers grapes to many well-known wineries such as KWV, Guardian-Peak, Val de Vie and Painted Wolf. We have a production capacity of roughly 750 000 litres of wine per year, equivalent to almost 80 000 dozen bottle cases of wine. We do have access to much larger quantities of wine, if needed.

Vinification, bottling and warehousing is done at a central location in Stellenbosch, which simplifies logistics and establishes excellent quality control. Silkbush Mountain Vineyards aims to establish itself as a world player in the production of top quality grapes for the production of high end wines destined for global markets. We are always looking to develop lasting long term relationships in order to achieve this goal.

WHERE TO FIND US

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## WHAT WE OFFER

Silkbush Mountain Vineyards is located in Breddeklouf within the Breede River Valley, an official nature conservancy area in the famous Western Cape Winelands. The Breede River Valley's beautiful countryside is a relaxing haven from the hustle and bustle of modern Cape Town, just an hour away.

Silkbush Mountain Vineyard boasts plenty of wildlife (including leopards), some of South Africa's best fishing spots, famous mountain biking trails, and unsurpassed bird watching opportunities.



Silkbush Mountain Vineyards is a member of WIETA, the ethical trading watchdog of the South African Wine Industry. We are proud of our three time consecutive A grade audits with better practise commendations.

We strive to educate and uplift all our personnel and families involved at Silkbush and create a safe, healthy and happy work environment. Our Silkbush Educational Trust are also involved in projects to improve opportunities for our worker families, like donating computers to local schools etc.

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## OUR WINES



### SINGLE VINEYARD PINOTAGE

Specially selected rows in our highest Pinotage vineyard, 730m above sea level, produced the fruits for this wine. A serious yet accessible wine. On the nose dark ripe red fruits, blackberry, cherry, black current, blueberries are layered by smoky, spice like cumin. The palate shows big bold, juicy tannins. Ripe dark red fruits follow through on the palate with a lingering finish.

Great aging potential.



*This wine pairs very well with your favourite steak cut, venison, spicy food, and chocolate desert.*



*Alcohol: 13.5%*



## PINOTAGE WINEMAKERS SELECTION

Our Winemakers Selection range focus on the selection of small batches of grapes from specially selected blocks, carefully vinified by the winemaker to create cultivar- and terroir specific wines. Slow ripening and very cool conditions lead to intense flavour development. The wine shows beautiful dark fruit, ripe cherries, and vanilla tones on the nose, while the typical juicy mouthfeel lingers on the palate with tones of sour cherries, plums, and well-integrated oak.



*This wine pairs very well with Beef, Venison, Pasta, Dark Chocolate and mature cheese.*



*Alcohol: 14%*

## OUR WINES



### SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC WINEMAKERS SELECTION

Harvested and fermented together, this blend delivers zesty fruit flavours on the nose with the typical long and smooth finish of Semillon on the palate.

Fresh limes, gooseberries, and green grass on the nose. A nice zesty acid from the Sauvignon blanc compliments the full round mouthfeel of the ripe Semillon to create a crisp yet lingering freshness with vanilla and dried peach tones from the wood.



*Versatile wine that pairs well with pasta dishes, as well as white fish and chicken dishes.*



*Alcohol: 13.5%*





### PINOT NOIR WINEMAKERS SELECTION

Our success with growing Pinotage inspired us to try our hand at Pinot Noir, one of Pinotage's parents. And what a pleasant result!

Again, the typical Silkbush characteristics of ample fruit and soft, yet lingering taste shows on this wine. This is a medium bodied Pinot Noir with blackcurrant, pomegranate and brambles on the nose. The palate shows dark chocolate, sourcherries, and vanilla.

Served slightly chilled.



*This wine pairs very well with mild cheese, duck, chicken, and pasta dishes.*



*Alcohol: 14%*

## OUR WINES



### VIOGNIER WINEMAKERS SELECTION

A fresh, slightly wooded style of Viognier, expressing the cultivar and terroir characteristics. On the nose a combination of fresh floral aromas, tropical fruit and dried peaches.

Flavours of melon and pear combines with white blossoms and perfume for a full mouth feel along with a fresh balanced acidity for a lively finish. The wine spent three months on fine fermentation lees for that smooth round mouthfeel.



*Great companion to pasta, Indian and Middle Eastern Cuisine, as well as seafood and curries.*



*Alcohol: 13.5%*



## GRENACHE NOIR WINEMAKERS SELECTION

A medium bodied wine, best served chilled like a white wine. Abundance of raspberries, candy floss and pink sweets flavours on the nose with fruity biscuit and sour cherry tones on the palate. It is the ideal wine to serve in between white and the heavier style red wines and a superb sundowner tippie. Picked at optimal ripeness, these grapes were fermented as wholeberries, with about 20% whole bunches, in small open top fermenters.



*Pairs beautifully with foods that have smokey or charred flavors, like savoury, grilled meats, smokey BBQ sauces, and even grilled veggies,*



*Alcohol: 13.5%*

## OUR WINES



### CHENIN BLANC WINEMAKERS SELECTION

A celebration of the diversity that our treasured mountain gives out in abundance year after year. Grown on the lower slopes of our vineyard in the shadow of Silkbush Peak.

A fresh and fruity Chenin blanc makes this the ideal summer patio wine. Best served chilled. Guava, kiwi, melon on the nose complements the zesty fruitiness of pineapples and winter melon on the pallet. A nice, round mouthfeel and crispy finish.



*The many layers of Chenin blanc makes the for perfect companion to white fish, salads, cheese platters and even mild seafood.*



*Alcohol: 13.5%*





## PINOTAGE

A dark fruit bomb!

Beautiful dark fruit, ripe cherries, and vanilla tones on the nose, while the typical juicy mouthfeel of Silk bush Pinotage.

The wine spent 12 -18 months in neutral oak with some oak staves to add complexity and balance.



*This wine pairs exceptionally well with beef, venison, pasta, dark chocolate and mature cheese.*



*Alcohol: 14%*

## OUR WINES



### ALTITUDE

Enticing ruby red colour.

On the nose the spiciness of the Malbec fuses with the rich blackcurrant flavours of the Petit Verdot and Merlot, while the Shiraz and Pinotage contributes structure and elegance and a hint of liquorice and red fruit.

This is followed through on the palate delivering a beautifully balanced wine that gives the impression of being elegant and powerful at the same time.



*This wine pairs very well with mild cheese, duck, chicken, and pasta dishes.*



*Alcohol: 14%*



## SHIRAZ

Our Shiraz finds its origins in a single vineyard high on the slopes of our vineyard. Rich dark colour. A bouquet of spice, white pepper, red cherry and old school musk sweets fuses with red berries

The palate is surprisingly rich and structured with flavours of dark black fruit and cinnamon wrapped up in soft, comforting oak hints and a caress of vanilla beans.

Really long and luscious with a full mouth feel.



*Can be enjoyed with a variety of dishes, from oysters and game to spicy Middle Eastern cuisine. A winner with red meats, yet elegant enough to be enjoyed with white meats.*



*Alcohol: 14%*

# OUR WINES

## SAUVIGNON BLANC

A fresh, fruity style of Sauvignon blanc jumping out of the glass. On the nose a combination of fresh figs, gooseberries and kiwi flavours with a lingering mouth feel and a fresh crisp acidity for a lively finish. Kiwi and litchi on the exit.

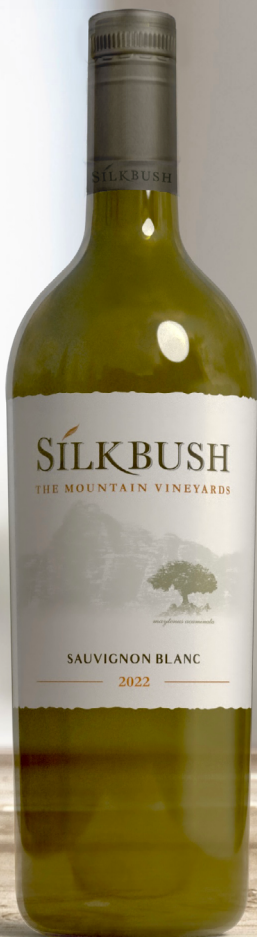
Our Sauvignon blanc is created from a single block on the cooler slopes of our vineyard. A cool breeze down the kloof during harvest time, keeps the flavours fresh, pronounced and lingering.



*Sauvignon blanc works wonderfully with white fish, salads, mild cheese platters and even prawns. Or consider it perfect for just for relaxing on the patio.*



*Alcohol: 13%*





## ROSÉ

This Rose, made from 100% Shiraz, is dry and refreshing. Lots of red berries and strawberries combines with candy floss and pink sweets on the nose with a nice full mouthfeel and dry refreshing finish with a hint of the Shiraz's spiciness on the end. We pick the Shiraz at about 22B, capturing all the fresh fruitiness of grapes, but maintaining the crisp acidity. Minimal skin contact of not more than 1 hr gives us that very light, delicate salmon color that makes the wine look so enticing.



*This wine pairs exceptionally well with fish and seafood, cheese platters and salads. The best patio companion for those quiet summer nights.*



*Alcohol: 13%*



# OUR WINES

## HILLSIDE RED

An easy drinking red blend, made from quality grapes from our mountain vineyards. Prominent flavours of berries and subtle hints of oak awaits. Selected by our crew, two varieties are chosen every vintage to represent our hillside terroir in this blend. After spending 18-20 months in older barrels, the components were blended together to produce this elegant wine. Lots of red fruit on the nose and a soft juicy palate, this is a wine for every occasion.



*The consummate red all-rounder. This wine pairs well with red meats: roasts, rack of lamb, or traditional potjiekos. An excellent companion to any braai.*



*Alcohol: 14%*



## ABOUT THE FARM

Silkbush Mountain Vineyards is a 138-hectare (341-acre) property acquired in early 2000 from the Pepe Valente family of Pretoria. The Valente's had been for many years operating old vineyards along with fruit tree orchards with superb soils and substantial undeveloped land with lots of potential.



The property is located on a gradually sloped hillside that ultimately becomes towering mountain cliffs.

The highest peak is Silkbush Mountain or Sybasberg (in Afrikaans), our namesake. The dramatic landscape rivals anywhere in the world with its sheer beauty and unique terroir especially well suited for growing premium wine grapes of many varieties.

Our grape vines are planted on moderately sloped hillsides rising up to 700m above sea level. We welcome visitors to stay in our luxury guest lodging, the Kingsbury Cottage, with spectacular views of Silkbush Mountain and the vineyards. It is a private, relaxing, countryside getaway, perfect for your Western Cape wine tasting adventures.

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# KINGSBURY COTTAGE





## ACCOMODATION

Follow the Petit Verdot lined road and discover Kingsbury Cottage. You'll enjoy a luxurious two bedroom, two bath vacation home with exceptional landscaping. Gaze upon breathtaking views of soaring mountain peaks, sunrises from the bedrooms, and sunsets on the veranda.

We believe every visitor will feel like they own Silkbush Mountain Vineyards, even if only for a few days. You'll be comfortable in the air-conditioned cottage, with a cast iron stove in the living room, heated slate floors, an outside braai, firewood, outside chairs and table, and an ironwood dining set as well as a large hot tub.



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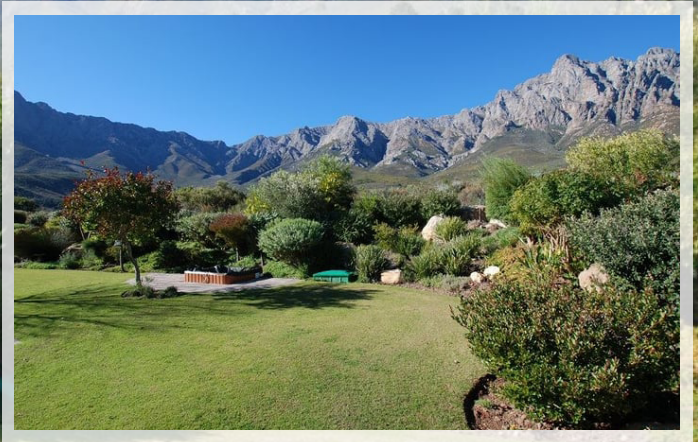
# KINGSBURY

THE MOUNTAIN COTTAGE

There are two bedrooms in the back of the cottage to enjoy spectacular mountain sunrises. The kitchen is fully equipped, but if you do intend to have meals in, be aware that large, modern grocery stores are at least a 35 minute drive, way too far to run for a quart of milk! We have several recommendations for dining from local pub fare (a throwback to the past) to fabulous dinner lunch and breakfast places. You will be treated wherever you go in this valley for a meal or camaraderie.

Detailed information is available at **[www.silkbush.co.za](http://www.silkbush.co.za)** about bookings, recommended restaurants, other local wine estates to visit, multiple things to do and maps to help you get around. Naturally, Franci and Anton and their family who live on the property (about a mile downhill) will welcome and assist you.

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