

VRL VAN LOVEREN

Harvest and Beyond

Harvest time was a flutter of activity, orchestrated like movements of a symphony, and conducted by the viticulturists, cellar masters, and winemaking teams. The grapes were harvested long before the dawn chorus, with the picking schedule navigating changing weather and the rhythm of each vineyard. Rain was a concern during the growing season, however the cooler weather and less extreme heatwaves resulted in excellent grapes. In 94 days, our picking teams harvested an average of 1 400 tons of grapes per week, a harmonious mix of 15 red and 14 white varieties from our various farms.

With all our 2022 grapes safely in the cellar, the composing of the wines begins – blending, fining and fermenting. The wines are developing beautifully in tanks and barrels, with the cellar alive with fermenting enzymes and filled with all sorts of fruit aromas.

As Chris Crafford, our maestro winemaker commented, "We are delighted that harvest 2022 delivered in both quality and quantity and look forward to providing our consumers with outstanding wines".



Award-Winning Wines

Over the years Van Loveren has grown to become South Africa's leading family-owned winery, known for their consistency as well as their award-winning wines, confirmation of this statement was once again made with the recent Decanter, NWC and Prescient awards.

NWC TOP 100 SA WINES

DOUBLE PLATINUM

- Christiena 9 Barrels Pinotage
- Christiena Cabernet Sauvignon
- Christiena MCC Brut NV
- Zandvliet Hill of Enon Shiraz
- Zandvliet Shiraz
- Van Loveren Red Muscadell
- Rhino Run Organic Chenin Blanc





Vine by Pole

You may have heard the phrase "great wine is made in the vineyard", and it's true!

Great wine comes from great grapes. Making use of infrared and drone technology we can match the best vine clones to the terroir for optimal results. In the beautiful De Hoop valley, one of our farms has been earmarked for a unique trellising method to further improve the quality of grapes. Vine-by-post is an innovative technique comprising of a single pole placed upright, and the bush vine winds its way around the pole exposing the grapes to 360C sunlight.

For premium red wine growing you need relatively warm days, but cool nights. This specific spot is one of those sites - warm days and cool air flowing down the hills in the evenings.

Currently, Van Loveren has 8.4ha of vineyards farmed vine by pole, comprising up to 20% of this trellising method used in South Africa. Our relentless pursuit of quality.

Carbon Hero

Continuing our sustainability journey we recently received the Carbon Hero recognition award from the CSIR (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research). This is part of their Confronting Climate Change (CCC) initiative which encourages wine farms to calculate and understand their carbon emissions. We are committed to tackling environmental risks, protecting conservation-worthy land, water and implementing energy-efficient solutions to ensure a sustainable future.



Fairtrade International Award

We are proud to congratulate the women employees from Van Loveren Family Vineyards who received the Fairtrade International Breaking Bias Award. The event served as a platform for women to exchange their learning experiences, as well as celebrate their achievements within their communities. Van Loveren will receive up to 10,000 Euros for any approved Fairtrade initiatives, which is a great way for us to further our goals in this area.

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