

A.A. Badenhorst Family Wines

SWARTLAND MOUNTAIN AREAS, SOUTH AFRICA



Andre Adriaan Badenhorst's grandfather was the general manager at Groot Constantia for 46 years. His father was born there. Adi grew up between the vineyards and spent his time picking (stealing) grapes. He made his first wine with Jean Daneel at thirteen. Adi studied at Elsenburg and went on the work harvest at Chateau Angelus & Alain Graillet in France, Wither Hills in NZ and locally at Simonsig, Steenberg & Groote Post. He spent nine years as winemaker at the esteemed Stellenbosch estate, Rustenberg. In 2008 he bought a 60-hectare piece of land in the Paardeberg with his cousin Hein. Today, they practice biological farming and make natural wines in the traditional manner. Today Adi Badenhorst is an award winning winemaker, member of the Cape Winemakers Guild, founding member of the Swartland Revolution and Swartland Independent and an ever evolving Vigneron.

YEAR FOUNDED: 2007

PROPRIETORS: The handsome cousins, Hein and Adi Badenhorst

WINEMAKER: Adi Badenhorst

SIZE OF PROPERTY: 60 ha (148.5 acres) total, 25 ha (62 acres) planted

TERROIR: The winery is located on a mountain range which is a granite outcrop and three distinctive types of granitic soil are found on this property - specifically Paardeberg, Lammershoek and Lemoenfontein granites. The soils are extremely old and considered by many to be 'low potential' as vine growth is not as luxuriant as in other areas. Yields are generally quite low averaging 3-4 tons/ha for Chenin Blanc. No irrigation is used as the soil has the potential to store a good amount of water and slowly release during the growing season. Rainfall is around 480mm/yr falling mainly in the winter months of May - August/September. Winters tend to be cold and wet and leaf fall is quite sudden with the onset of Winter. Otherwise, the weather is pretty much mediterranean.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 10,000 cases

VARIETIES CULTIVATED: Roussane, Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Chenin Blanc & Sauvignon Blanc; Red: Shiraz, Mourvedre and Cinsault.

