

# BOEKENHOUTSKLOOF THE WOLFTRAP RED

2021/\$10.99



## DESCRIPTION

Boekenhoutskloof was established in 1776. Located in the furthest corner of the beautiful Franschhoek valley, the farm's name means "ravine of the Boekenhout" (pronounced Book-n-Howed). Boekenhout is an indigenous Cape Beech tree greatly prized for furniture making. In 1993 the farm and homestead was bought and restored and a new vineyard planting program was established that now includes Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Grenache, Semillon and Viognier.

The Story of the Seven Chairs

The Boekenhout is an indigenous Cape Beech tree greatly prized for making fine furniture. The Boekenhoutskloof label features seven chairs; amongst them the country-style split splat chair made in the neo-classical style with a shouldered top rail and the thonged seat from the late 18th century. Then there's the Sandveld chair that has two back rails and a thonged seat which made its appearance in the second quarter of the 19th century. The transitional Tulbagh chair was made in the late 18th century; it has a plain back and a shaped top rail with half-round opening. The chairs on the wine labels all pay tribute to the skills of the 18th century craftsmen and their achievements in creating beauty from natural sources, just like the pursuit of fine winemaking.

Originally named Franschhoek meaning the "French Corner" because it was home to the influx of French Huguenots, today the valley contains many historic cellars and is an important tourist location because of its proximity to Cape Town. This valley falls to the southeast of Paarl and is enclosed on three sides by towering mountains. Streams from the

slopes flow down to the valley floor, converging to form the Berg River. The area excels in the production of full-bodied reds.

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The Wolftrap is a blend of 80% Syrah, 19% Mourvèdre, 1% Viognier. With hundreds of red grape varieties to choose from, winemakers have the freedom to create a virtually endless assortment of blended red wines. In many European regions, strict laws are in place determining the set of varieties that may be used, but in the New World, experimentation is permitted and encouraged resulting in a wide variety of red wine styles. Blending can be utilized to enhance balance or create complexity, lending different layers of flavors and aromas. For example, a red wine blend variety that creates a fruity and full-bodied wine would do well combined with one that is naturally high in acidity and tannins. Sometimes small amounts of a particular variety are added to boost color or aromatics. Blending can take place before or after fermentation, with the latter, more popular option giving more control to the winemaker over the final qualities of the wine.

### **Tasting Notes**

#### **Nose:**

The nose is opulent and intense, oozing with rich, ripe dark fruits and plums and subtle whiffs of cloves, cardamon, black pepper and perfume.

#### **Palate:**

Brambly fruit notes, blackberry, and licorice flavors intertwine with hints of raw biltong on the palate, and the fruitcake spiciness of the nose follows through beautifully. The midpalate is velvety and brooding, with juicy cranberry fruit, vibrant acidity and integrated, silky oak tannins creating exceptional balance. Savory nuances add to the layered complexity of the wine, with accents of black olive tapenade and cassis lingering on a smooth, round finish.

#### **Pairing:**

Perfect for pairing with grilled meats or pizza.

**Winery Website:** [Main Home - boekenhoutskloof](#)

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