

PAS DE NOM RED

2022

This year

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2022 was marked by contrasts and extremes—a vintage that kept us on our toes from budbreak to bottling. A late start in spring due to unusually cold, wet soils gave way to vigorous growth in October, followed by intense rains, hailstorms, and wind that tested both vines and viticultural strategy. As summer arrived, we faced alternating heatwaves and unseasonal cold snaps, with erratic conditions persisting through veraison. These dynamic elements required vigilance and adaptability in the vineyard, from canopy management to weed control. 2022 was challenging, but challenges are what make a vintage unique and overcoming them is what makes a vintage meaningful.

The wine

The 2022 Pas de Nom Red is a blend of 82% Syrah, 12% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot. The fruit, grown on the steep slopes of Beau Constantia, was hand-picked in the early morning hours, cooled overnight and processed to stainless steel after meticulous sorting down to berry level. The tank was gradually warmed to allow for natural fermentation, guided by careful punch downs and pump overs to achieve balanced extraction. Once fermentation was complete, the free-run wine was drained to barrel via gravity, alongside the basket-pressed portion from the skins. The wine matured in 225L French oak barrels, of which 35% was new, for 18 months prior to bottling. As with all our red wines, the 2022 Pas de Nom Red is unfinned and unfiltered.

A bright crimson core with a ruby-red rim introduces a wine that is both vibrant and expressive. Compared to its predecessor, the 2022 vintage leans more distinctly toward red fruit aromatics—fresh raspberries, red cherries and hints of cranberry—layered with subtle spice and a gentle coastal minerality. On the palate, this red-fruited profile continues, supported by a lively acidity characteristic of Constantia's cooler 2022 growing season. Fine, integrated tannins provide structure without overshadowing the wine's brightness, resulting in a balanced, energetic mouthfeel.

This vintage shows a shift toward purity and freshness, with pronounced primary fruit and a lifted, elegant finish that reflects both the higher Syrah composition and the nuanced, cooler conditions of the 2022 season.



| W.O. | ALC | TA | VA | RS | pH |
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| Western Cape | 14.4 % VOL | 5.1 g/l | 0.61 g/l | 1.7 g/l | 3.59 |

Pas de Nom meaning Without Name is something so sublime that it could only be inspired by an individual of character, strength and temerity. This range of wines is a tribute to our late farm manager, Japie Bronn, who has been instrumental in developing the vineyards on some of the steepest slopes in the Cape.

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