

PAS DE NOM PINK

2025

This year

by Winemaker Megan van der Merwe

After a nervous start with winter rains and cold units very delayed, the 2025 harvest is now being hailed as one of the greats, characterized by sustained mild and dry conditions. Late July-August rains delayed pruning significantly, but considering that early pruning promotes growth, while late pruning increases fertility, it was positive. We managed to enable each vine to build up reserves before the buds emerge and become vulnerable, whilst reducing vigour and resultant reserve depletion to allow for a longer hang time in a season that delivered. The 2025 harvest asked us to slow down, and in doing so, gave us one of the most rewarding seasons yet. Even with budding and ripening arriving later than usual, a stretched season gave the vines time to build character at their own pace. Winds swept through our vineyards, which already daringly cling to our near-vertiginous mountainside, but they shaped smaller berries with thicker skins, bringing colour, intensity and freshness without heavy alcohols. There were moments of challenge — tricky leaf work, long days on the slopes, and the patience of waiting — but every bit of effort was matched by the quality of fruit we received in the cellar. It takes a village to raise a vintage, and the combined efforts and expertise of everyone involved will echo sensorially from ground to glass as these vibrant 2025 vintage wines with deep colour, silky tannins and exceptional longevity are poured.

The wine

The secret behind making rosé lies in the skin of the red wine grape, where we find the pigment that stains the juice to whichever extent we choose. With all the 2025 reds providing very high skin:juice ratios, there was not much need for the *Saignée* method during processing this year. Considering the demand for our Pas de Nom rosé, however, we took the opportunity to whole-bunch press some of the thick-hanging Syrah (47%) growing against our lower slopes earlier, and blending it with some whole-bunch pressed Mataró (53%) all the way from Paarl. 2025 marks our first adventure with Mataro, and its contribution is immediately distinctive. It brings delicate aromas of dusty wild strawberry, raspberry, and red gummy bears, along with gentle spice and a savoury, earthy undertone. Mataro adds a fine line of acidity, supple tannins, and a subtle peppery edge that lends both freshness and texture. Syrah complements this with juicy fruit weight and purity, creating a seamless balance of brightness and depth. The result is a crisp, layered rosé with energy, spice, and a lingering complexity that speaks to both varietals in harmony.



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Western Cape

ALC

13.70 % VOL

TA

6.0 g/l

VA

0.33 g/l

RS

2.1 g/l

pH

3.40

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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