

Site-specific, clonally selected, cool climate wines, made in Elgin

Kershaw





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ABOUT RICHARD

Born and raised in the UK, I was a chef before finding wine. I love cooking, I love food and I love working with my hands which is why I became a chef. I worked for two years as one before I enthusiastically got sucked into the wine scene. To immerse myself in the wide world of wine, I worked harvests in California, Chile, Bordeaux, Hungary and Germany before settling in South Africa in 1999.

I passed my Master of Wine exam on Sept 5th, 2011; I am one of a handful of Masters of Wine who actively makes wine and the only one who makes wine in South Africa.

Kershaw Wines began as an entity in 2012; starting with Chardonnay and Syrah and in 2015 Pinot Noir joined the fray.

In November 2021, I joined the Cape Winemakers Guild, which is an invitational membership of passionate winemakers who have played a pioneering role in the South African wine industry and who have excelled in their field.

When not in the cellar, I judge wine in competitions around the globe and am part of the educational panel for the Institute of Masters of Wine, and lecture for the WSET in South Africa.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

As a person who likes detail and a bit of nerdy and geekiness, I like to drill down into the smallest quirkeries and metrics that we face in winemaking.

My philosophy is not so much a rubric. It's more that I try to make wines that reflect the sense of place, making them in a way that is non-interventionist; it's to try and mirror those qualities in the glass.

The emphasis has to be on the vineyard first, but I truly believe that the maturation cycle plays a proportionately important role. Equally, whilst winemaking itself is crucial during the first 30 days of the wine's life, it's important to steer it correctly, as there are many facets requiring attention during the entire maturation cycle to prevent the wine from veering off track.

When we pick the grapes in the harvesting period, we pick according to the clone and the soil type, and we match the soils and the clones to each of the barrels.





OUR PORTFOLIO



PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

Ultra Premium



- About a barrel made of each.
- Single clone.
- Single soil type.
- Matched to a specific barrel cooper.
- A deep dive into Elgin variables that influence the wine.

Premium Focus



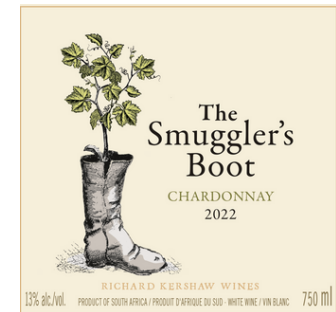
- Kershaw Wines' main focus.
- A showcase of Elgin's regionality.
- Selected from sites from Elgin only.
- A selection of various clones.
- 5000 - 8000 bottles produced.

Premium / Small Volume



- Single site.
- Selected from unique sites outside of Elgin.
- Small volumes.
- 1500 - 2000 bottles produced.

Experimental / Lifestyle



- Experiment with young vineyards, new barrel coopers, new amphorae, and new techniques.
- Accessible lifestyle range.



DECONSTRUCTED RANGE

Limited production, single site, soil and clone wines from Elgin.

In order to bolster these regional credentials, my personal mandate has been to prove Elgin has both a signature grape that is synonymous with the region as well as particular 'terroirs'/meso-climates within its demarcated boundary that reflect regional distinctions.

To fully comprehend this, it is, therefore, necessary to dig deeper into the nuances/DNA that makes up our region. To initiate this, I have decided to make these wines that have been selected from a sub-region of Elgin from a specific vineyard and an individual clone. A barrel made of each, the idea behind these wines was not necessarily to sell them, but to deepen my understanding of how specific clones on specific soil type develop in barrels from specific barrel coopers.

On allocation, please enquire about the availability of these wines.

DECONSTRUCTED ACCOLADES

Chardonnay

Kogelberg Sandstone CY76 2021

95/100 Tim Atkin MW

5* Platter's SA Wine Guide 2023

Kogelberg Ironstone CY548 2021

95/100 Tim Atkin MW

**Lake District Bokkeveld Shale
CY95 2021**

4.5*, 94/100 points Platter's SA
Wine Guide 2024

94/100 Tim Atkin MW



Pinot Noir

Kogelberg Sandstone PN115 2021

94/100 Tim Atkin MW

4.5* Platter's SA Wine Guide 2023



Syrah

**Groenland Bokkeveld Shale SH22
2019**

96/100 Claire Nesbitt, for
James Suckling

96/100 Tim Atkin MW

96/100 Neal Martin, Vinous

**Groenland Bokkeveld Shale SH9c
2019**

96/100 Tim Atkin MW

95/100 Neal Martin, Vinous

95/100 Claire Nesbitt, for
James Suckling



2018



DECONSTRUCTED
Chardonnay

Kershaw

LAKE DISTRICT
CARTREF
CY96

MADE AND BOTTLED BY RICHARD KERSHAW WINERY LTD





CLONAL SELECTION

Picked exclusively from parcels of grapes within Elgin.

I believe Elgin has the ability to produce world-class wines. The idea behind this range is to create clonally selected, site-specific, cool climate examples of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah, in order to express a sense of place.

Elgin Chardonnay



Elgin Pinot Noir



Elgin Syrah



CLONAL SELECTION ACCOLADES

Elgin Chardonnay 2021

4.5*, 94/100 points Platter's SA
Wine Guide 2024

95/100 Neal Martin, Vinous

93/100 Tim Atkin MW

93/100 Claire Nesbitt for James
Suckling



Elgin Pinot Noir 2021

94/100 Tim Atkin MW



Elgin Syrah 2019

4.5*, 94/100 points Platter's SA
Wine Guide 2023

94/100 Tim Atkin MW

17/20 Jancis Robinson MW

95/100 Neal Martin, Vinous





G.P.S - GRAPE POSITIONING SYSTEM

Exploring exemplary parcels of vines from outside the Elgin region.

Occasionally, I come across something so fascinating that it deserves a closer look. These are the resultant wines of my curiosity.

Cape South Coast
Sauvignon Blanc Semillon



Lower Duivenhoks River Chardonnay



Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge Pinot Noir



Klein River Syrah



GPS SERIES ACCOLADES

Cape South Coast Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2021

93/100, Trophy Winner, Gold Medal Winner - IWSC 2022

95/100, Best of Category, Top 10, Best Overall - Winemag Prescient Sauvignon Blanc report

93/100 Tim Atkin MW



Lower Duivenhoks River Chardonnay 2020

5*, 95 points Platter's SA Wine Guide 2022

92/100 Tim Atkin MW



Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge Pinot Noir 2019

4.5*, 93 points Platter's SA Wine Guide 2022

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson MW

93/100 Tim Atkin MW

90/100 Neal Martin, Vinous



Klein River Syrah 2018

4.5*, 93 points Platter's SA Wine Guide 2022

92/100 Tim Atkin MW

16.5/20 Jancis Robinson MW

94/100 Neal Martin, Vinous





THE SMUGGLER'S BOOT

The Smuggler's Boot wines were first released in 2014. The name derives from the time of trade embargoes in South Africa when growers & winemakers smuggled grapevine material into the country by hiding the cuttings in Wellington boots.

These are from interesting blocks of vineyards that were unknowns, often quite young, new blocks taken on for the first time and piqued my interest. They became my experimental range.

All small volumes, they are often matured in eggs, ceramics or amphoras. Something a bit different as we play around with these wines.



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