

Radford Dale, Thirst

Clairette Blanche

Vitner	Radford Dale
Vineyard	Thirst
Origin	Stellenbosch, South Africa
Vintage	2019
Variety	Clairette Blanche
Wine Type	Red
Wine Maker	Jacques de Klerk

Vineyard Notes

The single, old vineyard that produces the grapes for this distinctive wine grows in the crunchy, decomposed granite soil of the Polkadraai area in Stellenbosch. Although the actual age of the vines is unknown, one look at their gnarled structure will confirm their veteran status. The sprawling growth pattern is supported by only one foliage wire and so the bunches ripen in relatively shady conditions. This enhances the fresh citrus expression of the wine while retaining a bracing acidity.

About the Wine Maker

Founded in 1998 by pioneers Ben Radford and Alex Dale, we continue to follow sustainable agricultural methods and light-handed, minimal additive winemaking at our two cellars; on the ocean-facing granite slopes of the Helderberg Mountain in Stellenbosch and in our certified Organic Estate up in the Mountains in cool-climate Elgin.

Tasting Notes

Thirst Clairette Blanche is an intriguing example of this quirky variety. It offers exceptional refreshment and drinkability, as well as an interesting and complex collection of aromas and flavours. Driven by its fresh citrus zest, the wine shows great focus. Generous lime and lemon flavours delight the palate and a mineral pithiness is displayed, before a long and tapering, saline finish.



Wine Details

Residual Sugar	2.4 g/L
PH	3.49
Alcohol	12%
Total Acid	5.5 g/L
Bottle Size	750ml
Bottles Per Case	12

