

## Break a Leg Blanc de Noir 2021

### *Technical information*

100% Cinsaut  
W.O Stellenbosch  
Soil: decomposed granite  
Alcohol Vol%: 12%  
pH: 3.33  
Total acidity: 5.6g/l

### *In the vineyards*

Grapes are from a bush vine vineyard planted in 1992 on decomposed granite soils in the Helderberg area of Stellenbosch. The vineyard is farmed solely for the purpose of making this wine. The proximity to the ocean and almost constant sea breeze blowing over the vineyard makes for added focus and a beautiful salty finish.

### *In the cellar*

We pick the grapes at three different stages to allow for natural blending components. The first pick ensures that the final blend always ends up with balanced acidity and a low pH — as Cinsaut isn't normally known for low pH or high acidity. The last and therefore ripest pick was fermented in stainless steel tanks. All batches were destemmed and lightly pressed to extract juice and a light colour without over-extracting tannin. The juice was then left overnight to settle in a stainless steel tank without the use of settling enzymes. Settled juice is transferred to old French oak barrels and the last pick to stainless steel tank to ferment naturally. The wine went through Malolactic fermentation which also adds complexity to the wine and spent 8 months in barrel before bottling. No enzymes or commercial yeast was used in making the wines.

### *Label story*

As the name suggests, Lukas had to undergo two big knee surgeries in our first harvest season as is shown by the leg in a brace on the label and the silhouette of the man plotting his next move. With the help of great friends and family it all came together in the end and this wine is a celebration of hard times that you have to overcome and to never give up. In the same way one wishes a performer to “break a leg”, the name celebrates all the hard work we put in to achieve our goals. The protea on the stamp emphasises our South African heritage while the tortoise symbolises the speed at which Lukas was able to work during that first harvest. The donkey is a tongue-in-cheek reminder of how stubborn Lukas was in not compromising on doing any of the work himself despite not being as mobile as he would have liked.

