

# Tarentaal Kwaal Organic Bush Vine Mourvèdre 2022 w.o. Swartland

"Tarentaal Kwaal" (or "Guinea Fowl Ailment" for our English mates) pays homage to the pesky guinea fowl flocks that call our Mourvèdre bush vines and the surrounding shrubs home.

**CHARL'S COMMENTS:** I was planning on only bottling around 100 bottles of this wine for a special dinner, but after tasting it out of the barrel a few times over its maturation period, I started to really enjoy it. There's a dance between salty, savoury, and fresh, juicy berry flavors that's super intriguing. Eventually, I decided on bottling just over 1000.

**VINEYARD:** These dryland bush vines were planted in 2001 and lie in a mixture of koffiekop and oak leaf soils. The yield is around 4.6 ton/hect. The block is within eyeshot of our Amos Sauvignon Blanc vineyard. A really dry and rugged area of the farm, perfect for bush vines!

**HARVEST DATE:** 14 March 2022

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes were naturally fermented in our open-top concrete "kuip" and were punched down twice a day during fermentation. Partial whole bunch fermentation has made for an expressive burst of freshness in the final wine.

After fermentation, the juice was transferred to seasoned French oak barrels and left to mature for around a year. Very light filtration prior to bottling.



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