

Retief Goosen The Goose `Expression` 2009

COUNTRY

South Africa

REGION

Klein Karoo

PRODUCER

Retief Goosen Wines

ABV

14.2

GRAPE VARIETY

Cabernet Sauvignon

TASTING NOTE

The Goose Expression has a ruby red colour, scented bouquet with abundant smoke and spice, delivering exceptional richness and a powerful full-bodied finish. The tannins are ripe and soft, with a long, clean aftertaste.

PRODUCER INFORMATION

The Goose Wine Estate is based in the unique Upper-Langkloof Valley, nestled just behind the Outeniqua Mountains on the picturesque Garden Route of South Africa. The name on the farm's title deed is "Ganzekraal", which means "Goose Closure" or "Goose Enclave". The farm and the surrounding area were given the name over a century ago when Wild Geese from the area flew down during the day to rest in the cattle and sheep closures. They would forage on the seeds and pips in the feed, while the animals were out on pasture.

Situated 2500ft above sea level, the Upper-Langkloof Valley runs east/west, north of the Outeniqua Mountains, only 15km from the Indian Ocean. This area, which stretches along the valley for more than 160km, used to be the home ground of Bushmen and Gonagua Hottentots. Today it is the second largest fruit production area in South Africa - specialising in apples and pears, with many other varieties of fruit also grown. It has always been known for its wild and untamed nature. The annual temperature for the valley is a mere 17 degrees Celsius, which is very cold for South Africa, but ideal for growing grapes of great elegance and structure.

WINEMAKING

These cool climate wines are exceptional examples of the grape varieties. The very cool and fresh terroir allows for late season ripening, red varieties are harvested as late as early May every year. Characteristically, these are complex and sophisticated wines which are appreciated by wine connoisseurs. A limited number of bottles are produced per vintage. Discerning European wine lovers have accepted this new world wine as measurable to old world classics.

