

Retief Goosen The Goose `Expression` 2016

COUNTRY

South Africa

REGION

Klein Karoo

PRODUCER

Retief Goosen Wines

ABV

14

GRAPE VARIETY

Cabernet Sauvignon

TASTING NOTE

This Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz blend has been matured in French Oak barrels for 18 months and is an elegant and multilayered wine.

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.

