



PORSELEINBERG

Swartland | South Africa

THE STORY

Tucked into the rugged, wind-swept slopes of the Swartland's Porseleinberg mountain lies one of South Africa's most compelling and terroir-driven wine projects. Porseleinberg, meaning "Porcelain Mountain" in Afrikaans, is not just a wine but a viticultural statement—bold, uncompromising, and resolutely site-specific.

The estate is owned by Boekenhoutskloof but farmed and vinified as an autonomous project under the meticulous hand of Callie Louw, who lives on the farm and oversees every detail of its dry-farmed, bush-vine Syrah. The vineyard is rooted in decomposed blue schist and granite soils, resulting in wines of remarkable structure, freshness, and mineral depth. No irrigation. No manipulation. Just Syrah, in its rawest, most honest form.

In the cellar, the approach is as stripped back as the vineyard: wild fermentations, 100% whole bunch, submerged cap fermentation in concrete tanks, and aging in foudres and clay amphorae. The goal? To let the site speak clearly, with no gloss or artifice.

Porseleinberg is now widely regarded as one of South Africa's greatest Syrahs—a wine that challenges preconceptions and invites comparison to top-tier Northern Rhône producers, yet remains proudly Swartland in identity. It's a cerebral wine with grit, tension, and longevity, commanding attention from sommeliers and collectors alike.

Production is small. Demand is global. Allocation is tight. But for those seeking authenticity and edge in their lists or cellars, Porseleinberg is a name to know.

WINES

Syrah

Type	Red	Grape	Syrah
Vintage	2022	Alc.	14%

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