



Ekliptika is named after the phenomenon in which the earth, stars and moon align in their orbit with the sun. Both the name and the label illustrate our biodynamic way of farming, and can be seen as a metaphor for when different components come together to create something inexplicably special and unique. This Bordeaux styled red blend is shaped to suit our unique terroir and is composed of the best batches of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

**AROMA PROFILE** – Serious, dark and concentrated in colour, this wine greets you on the nose with aromas of ripe red fruits, plums and pencil shavings which follow through onto the palate with chewy black cherries, sweet spices and well balanced grippy tannins on the mid palate. The wine ends with a lingering umami finish.

**TERROIR** – Rooted in the oldest viticulture soil in the world, it is made up of decomposed granite on the lower slopes of the Helderberg Mountain. This vineyard enjoyed the refreshingly cool breezes from False Bay (Atlantic Ocean) during the day and cool air at night flowing down the mountain, resulting in even ripening of the berries and good, natural acidity. The macro climate is maritime, with cold wet winters and sunny warm summers, with the Helderberg Ward being the coolest in the Stellenbosch region.

**VITICULTURE** – The vineyards are meticulously cared for by hand and the crop is reduced to ensure maximum quality. Biodynamic (organic) practices are followed and therefore no herbicides or chemical sprays were used in the production of these grapes.

**VINIFICATION** – This wine is made naturally and in a biodynamic way by not making use of any commercial yeasts, enzymes or fining agents. It is further not filtered or cold stabilized and may therefore in time show harmless sediment. The Ekliptika was matured in a combination of new and mature French oak barrels for 24 months and with proper cellaring, this wine will improve and continue to reward over the next 15 years.

**ORIGIN** – Stellenbosch

**WINEMAKERS** – Jasper Raats

*“We have been blessed with beautiful land and our aim is to facilitate its expression through our wines”*