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## BROOKDALE HARVEST 2020

2020 was a particularly challenging vintage. During the growing season strong winds and a fire. While our Chenin Blanc blocks experienced an increase in wind stress and used more water over December, the winds had decreased the average daytime temperatures allowing for a slow growth season. With dry-land vineyards planted on soils with a higher water holding capacity, we had no symptoms of water stress.

Harvest commenced early due to an unseasonal cold front in January, which was followed by a heatwave in February. The high temperatures during harvest placed immense pressure on the cellars' processing capacity as grapes had to be harvested rapidly and simultaneously. Sampling was challenging due to a variation between bunches – a trend that was particularly observed in Chenin Blanc. However March's cooler temperatures and light rains showers delayed the ripening process of the last few blocks. Despite a few challenges, the harvest went smoothly with minimal interruptions and the grapes were harvested at optimal ripeness.

## VINEYARD PHILOSOPHY

Of the 67-hectares on the estate, 27 are under vine. The vineyard philosophy was to identify the most promising sites and establish thoughtfully conceived blocks. A blend of unusual grape varieties makes for an enthralling vineyard makeup.

At Brookdale, we believe in exploration and freedom of expression – the expression, that is, of fruit! With flavour profiles as diverse as they are intriguing from environmentally conscious vineyards, and a few surprises up our sleeve, join us to explore the terroir for yourself.

PAARL WINELANDS, SOUTH AFRICA

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