



# BALEIA

## 2022 VINHO ROCHAS

52% Syrah, 48% Tempranillo

Discover a place of whales and wonder, where wines are born from rocky limestone soil in a remote and unspoilt corner of the Cape South Coast. Here vines overcome fierce elements to create fruit with singular character and depth of flavour. Beyond evocative wine, Baleia is also about finding harmony between self, others and nature in pursuit of life's perfect equilibrium.

### WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

Wines are made in the vineyard and it is our responsibility in the cellar to trust the work that has been done all year and the terroir in which the wines are grown. We respect the fruit and play our hand very lightly in the cellar so has to ensure that the wines reflect a true sense of place.

### VINEYARD PHILOSOPHY

Baleia believes that living soils = strong roots = healthy vines = perfectly ripened fruit. We believe that through science and meticulous farming with attention to the details, we can produce grapes that truly reflect the terroir in which they are grown.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2022 had a very dry spring and early growing season but ended off with a wet late December and January. This led to one of the earliest harvests for Baleia. A bright fruit vintage.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

<i>YEAR PLANTED</i>	2009
<i>CLONES</i>	SH22 and TP4
<i>ROOTSTOCK</i>	Richter 110
<i>PICKING TIME</i>	6am-10am, 1st week of March
<i>TRELLIS SYSTEM</i>	7-wire Perold
<i>PRUNING STYLE</i>	Spur pruned with 2 buds per spur
<i>SLOPE</i>	7 degrees South
<i>ROW DIRECTION</i>	East/West
<i>BLOCK NR(S)</i>	14 Syr and TP 13
<i>ALTITUDE</i>	99m
<i>DISTANCE TO OCEAN</i>	9km
<i>DISTANCE TO FERMENTATION</i>	28km
<i>SOIL</i>	Agglomerated Limestone

<i>ALCOHOL</i>	13.52%
<i>RESIDUAL SUGAR</i>	2.7 g/L
<i>TOTAL ACIDITY</i>	5.3 g/L
<i>VOLATILE ACIDITY</i>	0.59 g/L
<i>PH</i>	3.5

### WINELIST DESCRIPTION

An almost equal blend of Syrah and Tempranillo with delicate older oak aging ensures its terroir driven characteristics. Vibrant, juicy, and bursting with minerality, this 'Wine from Rock' made from Syrah and Tempranillo, truly reflects the rocky soils in which its grown.

