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## BROOKDALE HARVEST 2019

We received good rainfall during the winter of 2018 and a very temperate ripening period. The white wine harvest for 2019 began at the end of January and due to a very warm period at the end of January, was short and compact as harvest activities accelerated in the heat. The temperatures fluctuated significantly after this, which helped to stabilise the pace of harvest for the red varieties.

Regular rain showers and cooler weather towards the end of February caused the majority of the red grapes to reach sugar levels at a slow pace and to ripen with lower sugar levels. Grape analysis reports were promising at the beginning of the harvesting season, and gradual ripening allowed us to pick earlier to preserve natural acidity and freshness. This led to good quality and flavour for the 2019 harvest.

## 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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