

RAOUL'S | 2022

Raoul Beaumont, was a maverick of vineyards and motorcycles. His early life took him around the world (mostly by sailing boat) but eventually he returned to the Cape where he and Jayne purchased the old wine farm Compagnes Drift in 1974. He immediately started replanting the vineyards to mostly white cultivars and a small amount of Pinotage and Tinta Barocca. Then in the 1990's he started experimenting with other red cultivars like Syrah, Mourvedre, Cabernet franc and Grenache to see what would ultimately work best on the property.

As a true farmer, Raoul, was never impressed by the bling that surrounded wine and rather saw it as an essential ingredient to everyday life. This blend honors Raoul's down to earth enjoyment of wine. Syrah driven with some young vine Pinotage bringing the red fruit element and then backed up with smaller amounts of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache.

Raoul used to say: "At the end of a long day it doesn't get better than this!"

RATINGS & REVIEWS |

Not yet officially rated or reviewed.

FOOD PAIRING | A wine that you can enjoy on its own in front of the fire or you can have it with a delicious stew or braai.

PACKAGING | $6 \times 750 \text{ ml}$

BARCODE bottle

APPELATION	BOTTLES PRODUCED	CULTIVAR	VINEYARD AGE	YIELD	BALLING AT HARVEST	ALC	ТА	RS	рΗ
Bot River Walker Bay	14700 bottles	Syrah, Pinotage, Malbec, Grenache, Cab	5 to 27 years old	5 to 8 tons per ha	22.5° - 24° Balling	12.91%	5.6g/L	3.2 g/L	3.54



WINE MAKER | Sebastian Beaumont.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS |Good wet winter was followed by good healthy spring. Ripening was very even and the fruit very healthy.

VINIFICATION | Grapes were harvested and crushed directly into concrete tanks, followed by few days cold soak. About 30 % of the grapes were fermented whole bunch to bring freshness and perfume to the wine. Pressed off and taken to tank and barrel for maturation. Blended and bottled in July 2023.

MATURATION | 16 months in a mix of 100% French oak and concrete tanks.