



**Varietal composition:**  
Shiraz, Malbec, Petit Verdot

**Appellation:**  
Breedekloof

**Alcohol:** 14%  
**Residual Sugar:** 5.9g/L  
**Total Acid:** 5.8 g/L  
**pH:** 3.54

**Wine style**  
Dry 1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Sweet

**SILKBUSH**  
THE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS



## Silkbush Hillside Red 2018 Winemakers Selection

### Winemaker Notes

Our Winemakers Selection range focus on the selection of small batches of grapes from specific blocks, carefully vinified by the winemaker to create terroir specific wines representing our unique vineyards. Our Hillside Red blend is a good example of the diversity our treasured mountain gives out in abundance year after year. After spending 18-20 months in older barrels, the components were blended together to produce this elegant wine.

The vineyards are planted in ancient, decomposed granite soil, right up against the emphatic slopes of the Waaihoek Mountains.

### What's in the name

Silkbush Mountain Vineyards hails its name from the Sybasberg (Afrikaans for Silkbush Mountain), one of the highest peaks above our vineyards. Sybasberg by its turn gets its name from the Sybasboom (Silkbush) that grows in isolated corners of our mountain. The Silkbush leaves, when torn, produces silky threads of latex – hence it's name. Just as special and unique as the Silkbush is, so is our soils, slopes and vineyards. This is manifested in our wines – you can taste the unique mountain terroir.



### Tasting Notes

Blended from cultivars representative of our hillside vineyards, this wine was intricately woven together to produce a very complex end product. Dark fruit, plums, raspberries and spice on the nose with red cherry and brambles contributing to a juicy mouthfeel and lingering taste. The ideal wine to enjoy next to the braai.

### Food pairing

The diversity of the different cultivars in this wine makes for a perfect all-rounder that goes exceptionally well with all braai dishes especially rack of lamb, roasts and traditional potjiekos.