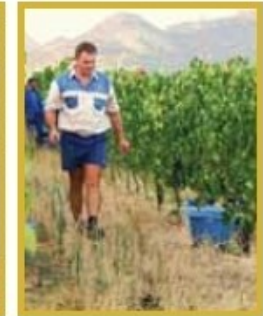
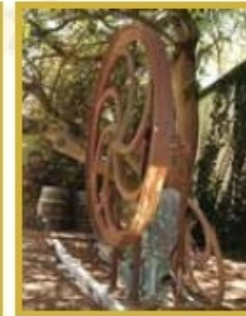




BABYLON'S *Peak*

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Remarkable Rhone's in the heart of the Swartland.

With a stellar wine-farming heritage that's almost a century old, Babylon's Peak has established itself as one of the acclaimed Paardeberg wine valley's most successful vineyards.

A fourth generation wine farmer with a holistic approach to wine making, Stephan Basson has proved that the Paardeberg region is the perfect terroir for Rhone varieties.

With vines at an altitude of 700 metres above sea level (the highest in the Swartland region), Babylon's Peak offers some exciting and rare Rhone varieties such as **Chenin Blanc, Viognier, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Mourvedre, Grenache, Carignan, Cinsuat, Pinotage, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec.**

These wines, with typical Swartland intensity, are no doubt complemented by the mature vineyards, with the Chenin Blanc dating back over 40 years and Carignan 30 years. The weathered granite soils contribute rich minerals as the warm Mediterranean climate allows the grapes to develop to optimum

ripeness. Not always displaying sufficient complexity on their own, the wine making process is completed by blending the wines. Stephan says: "Syrah gives colour and flavour, Grenache persistent tannin, Carignan acidity and Mourvedre fleshiness and mid-palate structure."

Chenin Blanc is Stephan's pride and joy: **"Chenin Blanc is a variety that I am very passionate about"**. Paying attention to the small details of the distinctive, high quality Chenin Blanc grapes delivers rich minerality, upfront fruit and is ready to be enjoyed immediately." An international showstopper, The Babylon's Peak Witty White Petillant has taken the export market by storm. A lighter style, low-alcohol, fruity wine with a fresh, crisp taste will tantalize any taste bud.

Babylon's Peak enjoys a BWI and IPW accreditation.

Owner: Stephan Basson

Location: Swartland

Size: 250 Ha

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