



# SARONSBERG

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## Full Circle 2022

The Full Circle 2022 is a masterfully crafted Rhône-style blend, offering a rich tapestry of flavors. Aromas of dark plum, blackberries, and violets intertwine with subtle notes of smoked spice and earthy undertones. On the palate, velvety tannins support layers of ripe black fruit, hints of mocha, and a touch of white pepper, leading to a lingering, complex finish. This wine exudes both power and elegance, showcasing Saronsberg's hallmark style.

### Vinification

The foundation of this blend comes from our finest Shiraz vineyards. The grapes were handpicked at midnight and quickly cooled to 4°C. The Shiraz, Mourvèdre and Grenache components were bunch sorted, destemmed, and then berry sorted on vibration tables by a team of 25 highly skilled staff. The berries were gently crushed into a satellite tank and placed separately in open fermenters.

The wine underwent a cold soak for 3 days at 8°C, protected by a CO2 blanket, with daily pump-overs during this period. Once the cold soak was complete, the Shiraz, Mourvedre and Grenache tanks were warmed to 18°C and inoculated with yeast. Fermentation was allowed to peak at 28°C before being lowered to 24°C. The fermenting caps were manually punched down three times a day, and the wines were pumped over twice daily.

After fermentation the skins were pressed into 80% new French oak barrels.

The Viognier and Roussanne was cold fermented separately in 500L French oak barrels.

Malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel after inoculation with malolactic bacteria. Once malolactic fermentation was finished, a minimal sulfur dose was added, and the wines were left on their gross lees for 11 months. After this period, the wines were racked, blended, and returned to barrel for further aging.

After 20 months in oak, the wine was racked again and filtered through a coarse sheet filter before bottling. The wine was then bottle-aged for 11 months before being released.

### Ageing Potential

The wine is well-suited for aging and can be cellared for 8 to 10 years, during which time it will develop greater complexity and depth of flavor. Proper storage conditions, such as consistent temperature and humidity, are recommended to ensure optimal aging and preservation of its qualities.

### Blend

Shiraz 76%, Grenache 12%, Mourvèdre 9%, Viognier 2%, Roussanne 1%

### Analysis

Alcohol:	14.65%
Total acid:	5.7 g/l
pH:	3.39
Residual sugar:	4.0 g/l
Volatile acidity:	0.50 g/l
Free sulphur:	27 mg/l
Total sulphur:	89 mg/l



## Award History

### 2022 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Syrah du Monde: Gold & Top 10
- Concours Mondial: Gold
- Drinks Business Syrah Masters: Master
- Decanter World Awards: 90 Points
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Platter Wine Guide: 4.5 Stars

### 2021 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Decanter World Awards: 92 Points
- Drinks Business Syrah Masters: Master
- Veritas: Gold
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Platter Wine Guide: 4.5 Stars
- Platter Wine Guide: Highly Recommended

### 2020 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Drinks Business Syrah Masters: Master
- Decanter World Awards: 92 Points

### 2020 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- International Wine Challenge: Gold
- Veritas: Gold
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Drinks Business Syrah Masters: Gold
- Platter Wine Guide: 4.5 Stars

### 2019 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Grand Cru
- Decanter World Awards: 95 Points
- Novare Terroir: National Red Blend Winner
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold Medal
- Veritas: Gold Medal
- Drinks Business Syrah Masters: Master Award
- Platter Wine Guide: 5 Stars

### 2018 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Decanter World Awards: Gold
- Shiraz SA: Top 3 Blends
- Platter's Wine Guide: 5 Star
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 94 Points
- Drinks Business Shiraz Masters: Master Award
- Veritas: Gold

### 2017 Vintage

- Platter's Wine Guide: Shiraz Blend Wine of the Year
- Platter's Wine Guide: 5 Star
- Concours Mondial: Gold
- National Wine Challenge: Double Gold
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Decanter World Wine Awards: 91 Points
- Decanter Asia Awards: 93 Points
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 94 Points
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Double Gold
- Gilbert and Gaillard: Gold
- Six Nations: Gold

### 2016 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Double Gold
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Double Gold
- Veritas: Gold
- South African Wine Index: Platinum Medal
- Decanter World Wine Awards: 94 Points
- Shiraz SA: Top 3 Shiraz Blends
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 95 Points

### 2015 Vintage

- Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Gold
- National Wine Challenge: Top 100 & Grand Cru Best in Class Winner
- Decanter World Wine Awards: Platinum & Best in Category
- International Wine Challenge: Gold
- Shiraz SA: Top 3 Shiraz Based Blends
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Drinks Business Shiraz Masters: Master Award
- Tim Aktin South Africa Report: 96 Points
- Veritas 2017: Double Gold
- International Wine and Spirits Challenge: Gold

### 2014 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Decanter 2016: Gold
- International Wine Challenge: Trophy Winner
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Tim Atkin South Africa Report: 95 Points
- Six Nations: Double Gold

### 2013 Vintage

- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- International Wine Challenge 2015: Gold
- Decanter World Wine Awards: Gold
- Tim Atkin MW Report 2015: 95 Points
- Veritas 2015: Gold
- National Wine Challenge: Top 100

## 2012 Vintage

- Michelangelo Wine Awards 2014: Gold
- Veritas 2014: Double Gold
- Winemakers' Choice Awards 2014: Diamond
- Wine Style People's Choice Awards 2014: Gold
- TAJ Classic Wine Trophy 2015
- Shiraz SA: Top 4 Shiraz Blends
- National Wine Challenge: Top 100

## 2011 Vintage

- Michelangelo Awards: Gold
- Veritas: Gold
- Decanter World Wine Awards: Gold
- Classic Wine: Top 6
- Six Nation Wine Challenge: Double Gold
- Winemakers' Choice Awards 2014: Diamond

## 2010 Vintage

- Six Nations Wine Challenge: Gold
- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- 2012 & 2013 Winemakers' Choice: Diamond
- International Wine and Spirits Challenge: Gold
- Trophy Taj Classic Wine Trophy
- Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Gold
- South African Wine Index: Platinum

## 2009 Vintage

- Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Gold

## 2008 Vintage

- Decanter Asia Wine Awards: Gold
- Michelangelo Awards: Gold
- Veritas: Gold
- Winemakers' Choice Awards: Diamond
- National Wine Challenge: Top 100

## 2007 Vintage

- Veritas: Double Gold

## 2006 Vintage

- Veritas: Gold
- Decanter Wine Awards: Gold
- Juliet Cullinan Wine Connoisseurs' Awards: Gold & Best Wine in Show

## 2005 Vintage

- International Wine and Spirits Challenge: Gold
- Michelangelo Awards: Gold
- Swiss International Airline Awards: Gold
- Veritas: Double Gold
- Winemaker's Choice Awards: Trophy Red Wine & Diamond
- Michelangelo Awards 2007: Gold

## 2004 Vintage

- Double Gold Veritas: Gold
- Winemakers' Choice Awards: Diamond