

Meinert Wine Estate

Devon Crest Vineyards, Devon Valley
Stellenbosch
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We rely primarily on Devon Crest Vineyards as the source for our red wines. The property lies on the slopes of Devon Valley's northern ridge and rises from 200m to 310m above sea level. The whole site has a southerly aspect and grand views of False Bay, which is approximately 30km away, and the mountains surrounding Stellenbosch. The soils are chiefly deep decomposed granite and have a red-brown or terra cotta colour. They contain a high percentage of clay (about 30%) which is well dispersed throughout the profile and aids with water retention. Near the top of the property there are stones, remnants of the mother material, in the profile (such soils are called Glenrosa) while further down these are absent (Clovelly or Hutton). Devon Crest is fully planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinotage, Cabernet franc, Petit Verdot and a small vineyard of Semillon. The last two varieties will produce their first crop in 2012. For the Sauvignon blanc grapes we rely on top growers in Elgin, chosen for delicate cool climate characteristics.

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