

Let's tell you about Cloof's head winemaker, Hennie Huskisson...

Hennie Huskisson is as true as the wines he makes.

Living on a farm in Paarl made him realise early in life that he wanted to live close to the ground.

Hennie finished his studies at Elsenburg Agricultural College in 1994 and started his career at Fairview Estate, where he worked as Winemaker until 1996. Nederburg Wines saw his potential and appointed him as Auction Winemaker in 1996, responsible for their Premium Range. They gave him the opportunity to broaden his portfolio by working in Bordeaux, France, at Chateaux Margaux, to focus on producing quality wines.

In 2001, Hennie moved to Linton Park Wines where he continued to produce award winning wines, until falling for the unique terroir area of Darling by joining Ormonde Wines in 2014.

More than 25 years of experience in the local and international wine industry made Hennie the obvious choice for the position as head wine maker at Cloof Wine Estate, who is known for producing premium wines.

Hennie still feels humbled by his appointment, because he says those who did the job before him laid down an amazing platform to work from. His goals remain to build on this solid foundation and to continue in the pursuit of quality and excellence, both in the vineyards and in the winery.

Cloof wines continue to be recognised globally as a leading wine brand for their quality, heritage and innovation. The long list of accolades awarded to the Estate Brands is testimony to the hard work and passion the wines are created with. The wine selection includes The Winemakers Selection, The Very Sexy Shiraz, Inkspot, the Duckitt Collection, the Bushvine Range and of course, **the Darling range of premium canned wines.**

When asked what he attributed his success to Huskisson says: "Our success is the result of the access we have to exceptional grapes, the investment we have made in our wine-making team and our ability to constantly innovate and improve our cellar practices."