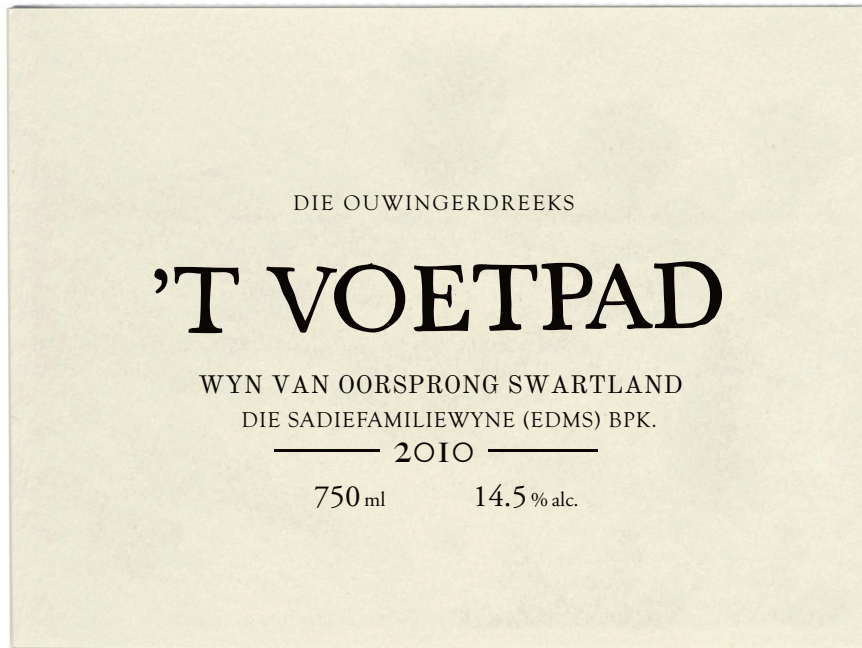




DIE OUWINGERDREEKS



VINEYARD North-western side of the Piquetberg Mountains
GRAPES	Semillon Blanc, Semillon Gris, Palomino, Chenin Blanc & Muscat d' Alexandrie Local synonyms: <i>Groendruif, Vaalblaar, Steen & Hanepoot</i>
SOILS Heavily decomposed Table Mountain sandstone
AGEING POTENTIAL 5 -10 years
AVERAGE YIELD 22 hl/ha

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The name means *The Footpath* in Dutch, and comes from the name of Dirk Brand's wheat and rooibos tea farm, where the rustic block of old vines is tucked away.

This is surely the most isolated old vineyard in the country, presumably originally planted to supply the farmer and his neighbours. Its 1.4 hectares host varieties established in the Cape since the early days of European settlement, with most of the planting done between 1900 - 1928, and all of the vines grow on their own roots (even the chenin - untroubled by phylloxera).

The vineyard's survival without irrigation is also extraordinary in this hot valley in the north of the huge Swartland region, near the village of Aurora and Elands Bay on the coast. Its precise location has allowed it to survive, with an underground river flowing beneath it from the mountains. No herbicides have been used, and grass and weeds between the vines help dry out the winter-wet soils, while driving the vine roots deeper.

It is a special and unique place, producing wines of great character.

'T Voetpad is a field blend of all the varieties - they are picked and pressed together, and co-ferment in old wooden casks.

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Unfined and unfiltered – decanting recommended.

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