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Alberto Bottega was born in Milan, Italy in 1942. After spending his childhood in the Friuli region of north-east Italy, Alberto emigrated with his parents and sister to Cape Town in 1950. He met his wife Valerie in 1960 and together they have three children – Roberto, Laura and Silvana. After time as a professional footballer, Alberto decided that South Africa held greater commercial potential for winemaking. The current array of vineyards were planted in 1999, and include a number of Italian varieties to acknowledge the family's heritage. In 2016 construction of a tasting centre and restaurant was undertaken by Alberto and Roberto, cementing the reputation of Idiom as one of the Cape's must-visit wineries.

Nestling in Eastern Stellenbosch at the foot of majestic granite mountains, the vineyards vary in height from 200 to 350 metres above sea level and have aspects which face north, west and south. The 150 hectare property can be seen from far due to the distinctive mountain shape which is known as the Idiom Conical Peak. The soils contain decomposed granite which is relatively shallow and stony in patches with a clay base. The distinctive northern, western and southern aspects create several micro-terroirs, which add character and complexity to the wines.

The widely awarded reds are establishing a reputation as some of the finest in Stellenbosch, and some superb whites are also made.

