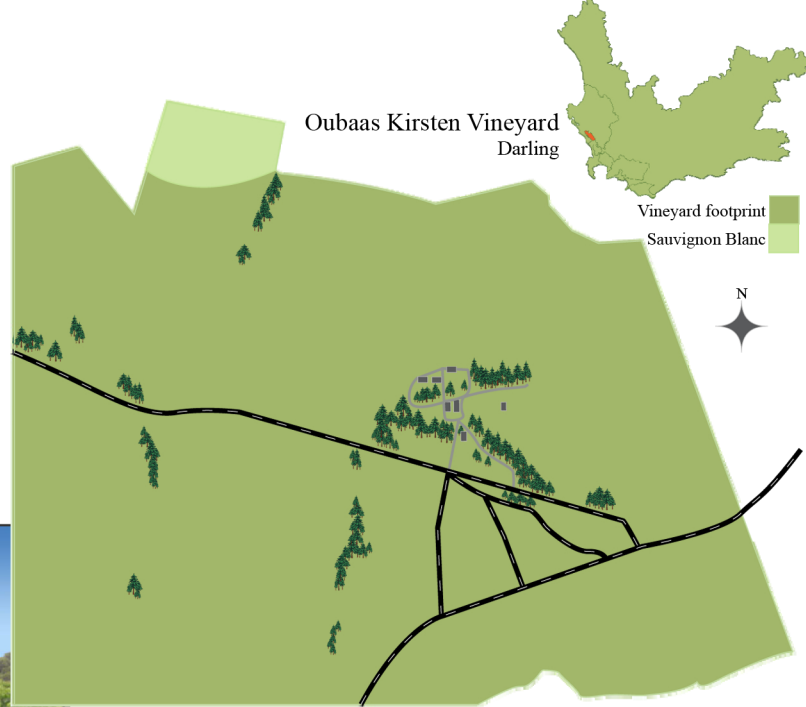


DARLING

The Groenekloof ward, in Darling, is among the closest of the Cape's viticultural areas to the Atlantic, and is consequently cool. Rainfall is moderate, at 400 to 600mm (16 to 24 inches) annually. It produces Sauvignon Blanc of superb quality, and this variety opened the door to wider viticulture in the ward. The Adoro parcel of Oubaas Kirsten lies on a south facing slope planted to seven year old



bush trained vines. The vineyard is unirrigated, and soil moisture levels must be tracked very carefully in the weeks leading up to harvest so that if a heat wave threatens, the fruit can be picked before ground humidity is depleted.