

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	BOTH4000-02
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Site Category: Artefacts

SiteComments:

(See report for references to figures) Given the size of the study area, overall, a relatively small number of tools were counted in Site B, which is severely degraded, especially across the north eastern portion. In addition, according to the soil study, the north western slopes are not suitable for the cultivation of vineyards, while the drainage will also be excluded (Figure 28). The assemblage is dominated by tools in banded ironstone, with smaller numbers in finegrained quartzite and weathered indurated shale. Most of the tools recorded in Site B comprise single, isolated finds, spread very thinly and unevenly over the landscape, and occur in an already disturbed and degraded context. A few dispersed scatters of tools (Sites 5461 & 5491) were encountered on patches of gravels, while ephemeral scatters of tools (Sites 5511, 5531 & 5551) occur on the soft sands across the southern portion. The majority of tools comprise MSA flakes with prepared platforms, some retouched and utilized blades, round and prepared cores, and chunks. A lovely double sided retouched blade was also found (Site 5611). Isolated flakes, chunks and cores (Site 5541) were recorded on beds of ironstone gravels across the central portion of the site, which may have been a possible source of raw material for making tools. A dispersed scatter of flakes, chunks and a single round core (Site 5601) were recorded on a limestone kopje in the south eastern portion of the site, close to the entrance of the farm. The ruins of a modern brick and concrete dwelling (Site 5651), probably a worker cottage, was recorded in the south eastern corner of the site, also near the entrance to the farm alongside the Prieska-Douglas Road. Rusted metal, tins, glass fragments, plastic, asbestos, clay bricks and concrete are scattered around a large area (Figures 37 & 38). A collection of tools and the context in which they were found is illustrated in Figures 29- 36).

Damage Types: