

TASTING NOTE from the Curators of Classic Wine

## GRAVEL QUARRY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009

The prestigious Gravel Quarry Cabernet Sauvignon is made from the best Cabernet Sauvignon grown at Glen Carlou, each year the vineyards which produce fruit of great depths and concentration are selected.

Cabernet Sauvignon may be king but he is not the perfect monarch. Bordeaux's rise to the most classic and renowned wine region was certainly not built on Cabernet alone and for many years even included Shiraz. But there is no mistaking Cabernet's Blackcurrant scent or the ability to produce wines of great longevity. Like many monarchs, Cabernet is thick-skinned, providing all the character of colour, tannin and aroma. Cabernet is also versatile, colonising many of the world's vineyards capable of producing light and elegant through to dark, rich and powerful wines.



<b>Appellation</b>	Paarl
<b>Varieties</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Harvest Date</b>	March, 2009
<b>Analysis</b>	Alc: 14%   R.S 2.5   T.A 6.6g/l   pH 3.65
<b>Fermentation</b>	14 days in stainless steel tanks, followed by 10 days on skins.
<b>Ageing</b>	18 months in 100% new French oak – Nevers MHT & Les Bertrange HT
<b>Bottling Date</b>	November, 2010
<b>Optimum Drinkability</b>	2013 to 2018
<b>Enjoy With</b>	With richly flavoured meats like ostrich or venison.
<b>Winemaker's Note</b>	The wine is a very dark violet colour in appearance with a magenta-purple hue with good clarity. Distinct Cabernet Sauvignon aromas of black cherry, red berries with cedar and some pine needles can be found along with cinnamon, caramel and hints of oak. The palate is well rounded and full bodied with good balance. It is a rich and intense wine that will mature beautifully over the next 5-7 years.