



2017 Merlot



The rich tapestries of passionate people interwoven with insightful custodians have shaped and continue to develop Glen Carlou Vineyards. A splendid storyline supports our desirable reputation of being a trusted, highly awarded and respected wine brand.

Our farm is situated in the Simonsberg Mountain foothills in the Paarl region of the Western Cape and encompasses a variety of slopes and aspects. Of the current 31 blocks planted, each is nurtured according to its own unique potential, respecting the natural cycles of the vines. A vineyard replanting programme is currently underway so as to be adding five hectares per year. Hardier, tougher drought resistant rootstocks and new varietal clonal selections are being planted.

Our 145 hectare property transferred back to local ownership when in 2016 Glen Carlou was purchased by a South African family consortium. Whilst the management team has remained largely unchanged, the excitement for the years ahead is driven by our new winemaker Johnnie Calitz.

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg-Paarl
Wine Analysis	Alc. 14.5% R.S. 3.2g/l T.A. 6.7g/l pH 3.31
Vinification	Fermented in stainless steel tanks with pump overs of up to 4 times a day with two weeks of skin maceration for colour and tannin extraction. The wine was then aged for 15 months in French oak, 30% 3rd fill 225 litre barrels and 70% in 6000 litre vats.
Optimum Drinkability	Drink now; suitable for ageing for up to five years from vintage.
Winemaker's Tasting Note	"Complex on both nose and palate with hints of mint and violets, and deep layers of dark chocolate, ripe blackberries, red berry and blackcurrant notes. With well integrated oak, the full bodied palate outlines finely grained tannins framing concentrated fruit flavours. This is an honest expression of a distinctive Merlot." Johnnie Calitz