



## 2018 Chardonnay



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. 13.5% R.S. 2.8 g/l T.A. 6.1 g/l pH 3.26
Vinification	Grapes were harvested from 15 diverse sites and all kept separate through the vinification process. Each batch was barrel fermented in water-bent® French barrels split 25% between 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th fill
Optimum Drinkability	Drink now, best within 5 years of vintage
Winemaker's Tasting Note	"Batch harvesting allows for different building blocks and complexity in the wine. Distinctive fresh citrus characters, green apple and pear notes are evident on the nose and palate. An extended and elegant aftertaste is supported by crisp acid and finely grained tannins. The water-bending® method for barrels prepares the oak for toasting in a way that results in a softer mouthfeel". Johnnie Calitz