



2015 Gravel Quarry



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	Paarl
Wine Analysis	Alc. 14% R.S. 1.8g/l T.A. 6.8g/l pH 3.44
Vinification	Fermentation was initiated in 400l open top oak barrels and 4 ton open steel tanks. Half of the total crush fermented naturally, the other was inoculated. Free run and press juice were kept separate with only the most delicate wine transferred to 225l French barrels for 24 months. Roughly 70% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation.
Optimum Drinkability	Drink now; suitable for ageing for five years from vintage with optimal cellaring conditions
Winemaker's Tasting Note	"The 2015 vintage was truly a spectacular year for Cabernet and this release is an excellent example of a full bodied fundamental Cabernet. The nose shows layers of ripe blackcurrants, red berries, mulberries and hints of cedar and walnuts. A balanced wine, with a flavourful palate rounded out by subtle oak spice and firm tannins. I am delighted that the 2019 Platter Wine Guide awarded this wine 4.5 Stars." Johnnie Calitz