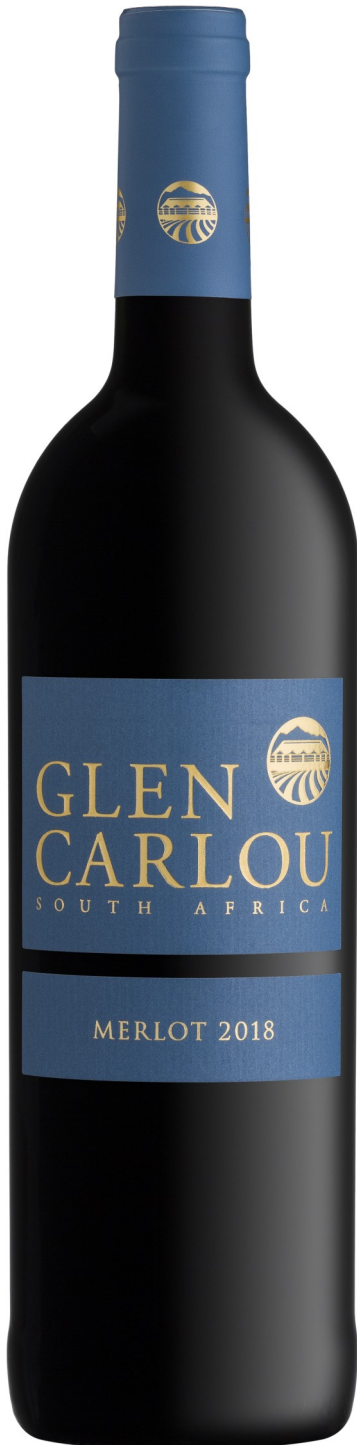


## 2018 Merlot



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.

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg-Paarl
Wine Analysis	Alc. 14.5% R.S. 2.2g/l T.A. 6.3g/l pH 3.40
Vinification	This wine was made from 5 different vineyards on the Simonsberg slopes, blended together to create an intriguing Merlot from this appellation. Each vineyard block was fermented separately. Extensive cold soak maceration before fermentation was used to release colour and flavour extraction into the wine. Only freerun juice was matured for 12months, 10% new and 90% 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> fill French Oak barriques.
Optimum Drinkability	Drink now; age for up to 5 years
Winemaker's Tasting Note	"Beautiful on both nose and palate with hints of mint and violets, ripe raspberries, red cherry and black-currant. Subtle oak, with an intriguing complexity. This wine has a textured mid-palate outlining finely grained tannins, framing concentrated fruit flavours. This is an honest expression of an individual grape made into a delightful wine." Johnnie Calitz