

2016 Grand Classique



Glen Carlou is situated in the Simonsberg—Paarl region of South Africa's Western Cape. Of the current 31 blocks planted and which encompass a variety of slopes and aspects, each is nurtured according to its own unique potential, respecting the natural cycles of the vines.

Our 145 hectare property transferred back to local ownership when in 2016, Glen Carlou was purchased by a South African family consortium.

Significant improvements have been made in the winery and the visitor's centre, with a vineyard replanting programme underway to be adding 5 hectares per year. Hardier, tougher drought resistant rootstocks and new varietal clonal selections are being planted.

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, globally respected wine brand.

Wine of Origin

Paarl

Wine Analysis

Alc. 14.5% R.S. 2.3g/l T.A. 7.0g/l pH 3.44

Vinification

The components used in Grand Classique, a blend of 25% each of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Malbec, with 13% Merlot and 12% Petit Verdot, are all individually vinified to allow for the development of each one's unique character. After assemblage the blend is barrel matured in 225L French barriques for 18 months. The mouthfeel is richly textured with a firm yet accessible tannin structure.

Optimum Drinkability

Drink now; can be aged for 5 years from vintage with optimal cellaring

Winemaker's Tasting Note

"Handpicked grapes for this wine were vinified separately until it was time to blend. A firmly structured palate, of fine grained tannins and a line of natural acidity, frames the combination of red and blackberry fruit. Expect to find soft spices, dense fruit and layers of dark chocolate, along with classic Cabernet cigar box and red cherry notes. This full-bodied, well balanced wine and has a long-lasting flavour of liquorice and mint leaves".

Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)