



2017 Gravel Quarry



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.

Amongst several programmes implemented recently, a significant one has been the vineyard replanting programme, 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.

A splendid storyline supports our desirable international reputation of being a trusted, highly awarded and respected wine brand.

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| Wine of Origin | Simonsberg-Paarl |
| Wine Analysis | Alc. 14.5% R.S. 3.7g/l T.A. 7.0g/l pH 3.38 |
| Vinification | Hand harvested grapes from a Single Vineyard within the Simonsberg-Paarl appellation were hand-sorted and then fermented naturally in 400l open top oak barrels. A portion was inoculated and fermented in a small open top stainless steel tank. After 4 weeks on skins, the un-pressed wine was transferred to 225l all new French Oak barrels for 24 months. Each barrel was rated and carefully chosen before the final cuvee was selected. |
| Optimum Drinkability | Drink now; suitable for ageing for seven years from vintage with optimal cellaring conditions |
| Winemaker's Tasting Note | "The 2017 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. Sealed with a hand-selected premium grade natural cork, offering a zero-taint guarantee". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker) |