



## Merlot 2019



Glen Carlou is situated in the Simonsberg-Paarl region of South Africa's Western Cape.

Our vineyard blocks 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 investments have been made for the vineyard replanting programme, one of several initiatives implemented since the change in ownership. Robust drought resistant rootstocks and new clones are being planted to increase the hectares under vine.

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.

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Simonsberg-Paarl
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<b>In the Vineyard</b>	<p>"The Merlot vineyards are planted at 200m above sea-level in cool, primarily Glenrosa soils. Located on the Simonsberg's Northern foothills these vineyards receive constant exposure to the sun, contributing to the grapes ripeness and richness of flavour. Canopy management is an important tool to scope phenolic ripeness in Merlot, with leaves picked out during berry-set to increase sunlight exposure". Marius Cloete (viticulturist)</p>
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<b>In the Glass</b>	<p>"Made in a medium-bodied style, with a profound and vibrant violet colour. A complex but elegant wine, with fresh red berries and cinnamon on the nose. Raspberries, sweet cherries and subtle hints of mint and vanilla unfold throughout the layered mouthfeel. The aftertaste reveals juicy blackberry on the palate, balanced by notes of plums, cassis and a refined earthiness, with rounded acidity and a silky mid-palate". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)</p>
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<b>In the Cellar</b>	<p>The grapes for this wine were carefully hand sorted, having originated from 6 different vineyard sites on the Simonsberg foothills. Attention to detail throughout the winemaking process can be tasted in the wine. The juice was handled sensibly with frequent and soft punch downs and gravity led transfers throughout. Before being bottled and labelled the wine was matured in all French 225 litre barriques for 12 months.</p>
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<b>Wine Analysis</b>	Alc. 14.5% R.S. 2.9g/l T.A. 7.1g/l pH 3.23
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