

Collection Pinotage 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.

Wine of Origin	Swartland
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In the Vineyard	Pinotage is truly at home in the Swartland and this wine endorses that reality. The soils in which the bush vines grown is primarily red Glenrosa, with some Oakleaf - both are rich shale soils. These old vines are not irrigated, with a yield of 7 tons to the hectare, they produce a bold yet precise example of distinguished Pinotage.
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In the Cellar	This 2019 Pinotage was made in limited quantities as the first ever in the Glen Carlou cellar. A truly expressive example of the proudly South African grape produced from hand harvested old bush vine fruit, in the Swartland region. With no additions and no added yeast the clean, destemmed fruit fermented naturally in 2nd fill 500L French open-top barrels, and was transferred 30 days after alcoholic fermentation to all new French 225L barriques for 8 months.
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In the Glass	"This wine displays notes of graphite and dark berry fruits, with subtle supportive oak undertones of heady and evocative Asian spices and black olive notes. With a supple tannin frame and a core of minerality, this full-bodied complex wine has a beautiful balance between fruit and oak showcasing a structure that will allow it to age extremely well". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)
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Wine Analysis	Alc. 14% R.S. 2.4g/l T.A. 5.7g/l pH 3.49
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