



## Collection Merlot 2018



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** Stellenbosch

### In the Vineyard

The varied topography of Stellenbosch's Banhoek appellation influences the area's distinctiveness. With a North facing aspect, and set amongst spectacular and steep mountain slopes, the vineyard is approximately 500m above sea level. Deep red Oakleaf soils with a high stone fraction, moderate the soil temperature whilst restricting vigour as the vines naturally produce smaller berries with greater fruit concentration.

### In the Cellar

The hand sorted grapes fermented naturally in 400 litre open top new French oak barrels. The wine was handled sensibly and sensitively with frequent soft punch downs and gravity led transfers. Before being bottled and labelled the wine was matured in all new French 225 litre barriques for 14 months.

### In the Glass

"This Merlot was made in a full bodied style of a truly noble grape produced from fruit harvested in Stellenbosch. Distinctive raspberry red berry fruits on the palate are balanced by nuances of plum, cassis, blackberry lushness and rounded acidity. A beautifully concentrated mouthfeel with poised oak tannins encouraging a deep and richly textured mouthfeel".  
Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)

Alc. 14% R.S. 2.6g/l T.A. 7.3 g/l pH 3.17