

Gravel Quarry Cabernet Sauvignon 2019



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

The 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

Simonsberg -Paarl

In the Vineyard

A rehabilitated quarry is the siting for this single vineyard wine. The vines are drip-irrigated and trained on a 5-wire Perold trellis system, in soils which consist of weathered granite and 'koffieklip'. Despite the previous dry seasons the vines exhibited good growth over the growing time of year, with the quality and concentration showing in the finished wine.

In the Cellar

A natural fermentation was undertaken to further endorse the minimal intervention approach from vineyard throughout the winemaking process. Bunches were initially sorted, followed by meticulous hand sorting of the berries. Free run and press juice were kept separate with only the superior liquid transferred to all new 225l French oak barriques for 24 months. This bottle is sealed with a hand selected premium grade natural cork offering a zero taint guarantee.

In the Glass

"A solidly serious and age worthy wine grown on the slopes of the Simonsberg. I believe this bold, concentrated, powerfully polished Cabernet, to be a timeless reflection of the most admired of the noble varietals. The nose shows layers of dark berries, ripe blackcurrant, mint and hints of chocolate whilst the full body physique is sure to impress!" Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)