



Merlot 2020

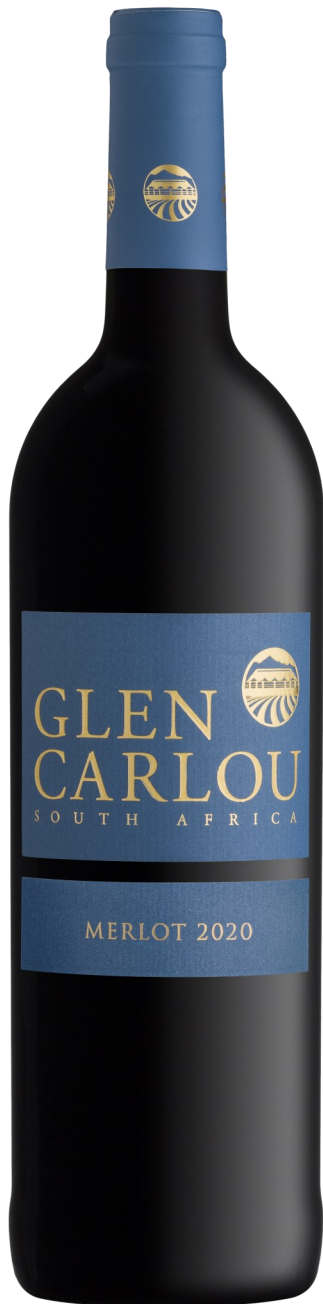
Glen Carlou is situated in the Simonsberg-Paarl region of South Africa's Western Cape.

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

Selected from vineyards of 15-year-old estate-grown Merlot plantings situated on well-drained Oak Leaf and Glenrosa soils, with a clay-rich subsoil. The blocks underwent a green harvest, which was done at *veraison*, to ensure concentration and even ripening. Leaves around the bunches were removed 3 weeks before harvesting to safeguard physiological ripeness.

In the Cellar

The grapes were hand sorted and lightly crushed in 7 ton steel tanks. Pump overs were done during fermentation, after which extended skin contact followed for between 2-3 weeks. Before being blended, bottled and labelled the wine was matured in seasoned 225 litre French oak barriques for 14 months in which the malolactic fermentation was also completed.

In the Glass

"With a deep violet colour this Merlot is made in a medium-bodied style. It exhibits intense raspberry on the palate, balanced by notes of plums, cassis, cinnamon spice and a blackberry earthiness. Softly rounded tannins balanced with an integrated acidity and a wonderful lushness on the mid-palate extend towards a long smooth finish". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)