

## Grand Classique 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	Coastal
In the Vineyard	Despite the significant difficulties of the preceding years of drought, a cooler ripening period and smaller crops produced berries with concentrated flavour and intense colour providing wines of notable quality. Phenolic ripe fruit was handpicked in the early hours of the morning after which the first phase of sorting commenced.
In the Cellar	Grapes were de-stemmed after extensive sorting and not crushed to ensure gentle extraction. Whole berry fermentation, punch downs and 30 day extended skin contact were undertaken. Only wine recovered from a light pressing was matured in 50% new and 50% seasoned French oak barrels for 18 months, during which malolactic fermentation took place.
In the Glass	"An absolutely charming wine, offering a rarely encountered full complement of the famous 5 Bordeaux varieties, showcasing exquisite balance and sophisticated elegance. Aromas of bell pepper, chocolate and sweet red berry nuances mingle on the nose. Vibrant plum and vanilla undertones rounded by cedar hints, all come together on the palate of this genteel blend. The velvety finish is brimming with dark fruit and peppermint chocolate framed by soft tannins". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)

Alc. 14.5% R.S. 3.9g/l T.A. 6.4g/l pH 3.43