



2020 Syrah



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 meticulous 'green harvest' was undertaken shortly after *veraison* to ensure even ripening and concentration of flavours. The grapes were hand harvested from 2 blocks located on the northern part of the estate during the 1st week of March 2020. These blocks are brushed by the daily south-easterly breeze during the later ripening stage, lending an individualistic aspect of remarkable concentration from the unique terroir.

In the Cellar

Our estate grapes were hand-sorted and fully destemmed. Daily manual punch-downs were done in the 4-ton open-top fermenters. Maceration continued for 21 days after fermentation before pressing. The blocks were vinified separately, with a natural approach of minimum intervention. Maturation was in 225L French and American barrels for 16 months using a combination of 50% new and 50% seasoned oak.

In the Glass

"The nose on this wine is wide-ranging with upfront berry fruits and a lavender perfumed background supported by sweet warm spice. Subtle black peppercorn, cumin and a hint of star anise add complexity to the aromatics. Wonderfully structured tannins on the palate reveal a well-balanced wine made in a definitive style with an unmistakable Rhone reference. Preservation of good natural acidity lends to outstanding freshness on the harmonious yet bold mid-palate. Another great vintage for Glen Carlou Syrah!" Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)