

## Collection Muscat d’Alexandrie 2021

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.

**Collection wines** are annual releases of mostly single vineyard and naturally fermented characterful, individual wines. Fruit is sourced from distinctive small blocks or vineyards, often from far afield, by means of contracts entered into with specific grape growers. Each wine has varying and unique attributes either from a viniculture feature or through its journey in the winery. Occasionally only 600 bottles of a wine are released, as quantity is restricted due to the yield.



### Wine of Origin

St Helena Bay

### In the Vineyard

A cooling ocean breeze off the Atlantic tempers a dry climate for vines, of approximately 65 years old, grown in white sand with underlying clay and calcareous segments. Whilst the block is not certified as organic, vineyard practices adhere to organic principles of not using chemical additives which can impair the terroir’s natural balance. The manual harvest is defined by the optimum point of ripeness, capturing the elegant acidity and expressive nature of this grape.

### In the Cellar

Fruit bunches were carefully hand sorted, to retain the best of the berries which were then pressed, racked clean and fermented naturally in a 500 litre 2<sup>nd</sup> fill French oak barrel. Given the delicate nature of the aromatics of this varietal, gravity led transfers were used to gently guide the wine through its time in the winery.

### In the Glass

“The favourably aromatic floral nose is extroverted, with lime blossom and white peach flowers leading to a juicy fruit driven mouthfeel. The taste of which is certain to have you reminisce about biting into mouth-watering ripe peaches. Whilst the palate is dry, the flavours of stone fruit, lemon zest and an underlying minerality makes this wine an absolute treat”.

Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)

Alc. 13% R.S. 3.7g/l T.A. 8.0g/l pH 3.14