



Syrah 2021



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

Optimum conditions within the vine's canopy were a focus within the vineyards building up towards harvest 2021. The grapes were hand harvested from 2 vineyards located on the northern part of the estate during the 1st week of March. These vineyards are brushed by the daily south-easterly breeze during the latter ripening stage, lending an individualistic aspect of remarkable concentration from the unique terroir.

In the Cellar

Estate grown grapes are hand-harvested, -sorted and fully destemmed. Fermentation takes place in 4-ton open-top fermenters with manual punch-downs and daily pump-overs. Maceration continues for 14 days after fermentation and before pressing. Parcels and clones are vinified separately, with a natural approach of minimum intervention. The Syrah is then matured in 225L French and American oak barrels for 16 months using a combination of 50% new and 50% seasoned oak.

In the Glass

"Mellow plum and blackberry aromas, with a light bouquet of star anise initially frame the nose. As the wine opens up lush berry fruits and a perfumed background supported with hints of cloves and lavender develop. Subtle peppercorn and cumin compliment savoury notes of the structured tannins on the palate. An enticing wine made in a definitive style with an unmistakable Rhone reference. Preservation of bright natural acidity lends to outstanding freshness with a well-integrated, ripe, and bold mid-palate". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)