



Grand Classique 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

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. The grapes were handpicked in the early hours of the morning during which the first phase of sorting commenced.

In the Cellar

The varieties were de-stemmed and not crushed. Whole berry fermentation and gentle punch downs ensured extra care, with extended skin contact of 30 days after fermentation on each lot. Only the wine recovered from a light pressing was then matured in 50% new and 50% seasoned French oak barrels for 18 months, where malolactic fermentation took place. Each component of this blend was kept separate until the final stages of blending.

In the Glass

"The palate is brimming with dark fruit and peppermint chocolate, an enticing mouthfeel on this Cabernet Sauvignon led blend with Merlot and Cabernet Franc making up 85% of the cuvee. Allowing Malbec and Petit Verdot to play supporting roles. Hints of sweet bell pepper mingle with cranberries and nuances of vanilla on a vibrantly full-bodied palate". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)

Alc. 14.5% R.S. 3.5g/l T.A. 6.0g/l pH 3.58