



Collection Petit Verdot 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 | Simonsberg-Paarl

In the Vineyard

The soil in our characterful Petit Verdot vineyards consists of decomposed granite with a naturally low yield due to its inherent composition and structure. At Glen Carlou we produce special vintages of a deeply coloured Petit Verdot as a single variety bottling, planted on soil selected for this grape with subsoils containing clay and granite deposits - the clay cools and retains moisture whilst the granite provides great minerality and backbone to the wine.

In the Cellar

The grapes for this wine were handpicked and sorted to retain the best of the berries, which were then fermented naturally in 400 litre open top new French Oak barrels. The attention to detail throughout the winemaking process is tasted on the wine. It was handled sensibly and sensitively with frequent and soft punch downs and gravity led transfers. Before being bottled and labelled this wine was matured in all new French 225 litre barriques for 18 months.

In the Glass

"This Petit Verdot is made in a full-bodied style, with a deep violet colour. It exhibits intense raspberry on the palate, balanced by notes of plums, cassis and blackberry earthiness, with rounded acidity and width on the mid-palate. It is smooth, and ripe in the mouth with soft, round tannins and a long silky finish." (Johnnie Calitz—Winemaker)

Alc. 14.5% R.S. 3.0 g/l T.A. 6.3 g/l pH 3.43