

## Collection Pinotage 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

Swartland

### In the Vineyard

Old bush vines yielded fruit for this bold, yet precise example of distinguished Pinotage. Beyond challenges because of the remoteness of the vineyard, no irrigation and very old vines, they produce great quality wine. Concentrated fruit from vines naturally in balance gives the winemaker such an easy trade, when there is nothing to add and nothing to take away.

### In the Cellar

Hand harvested grapes fermented naturally in 2<sup>nd</sup> fill 500L French open-top barrels and transferred after alcoholic fermentation to all new French 225L barriques for 12 months. Our philosophy for Collection is one of minimal intervention during the winemaking process, as the wines are encouraged to develop at their own pace - a celebration of the hard work done in the vineyard and its terroir.

### In the Glass

"Blackberry and plum flavours upon entry, this wine displays notes of graphite and black fruits, with subtle and supportive oak undertones, evolving with heady and evocative hints of Asian spice and black olive. Supple tannin and a core of minerality, this full-bodied, complex wine has a beautiful balance between fruit and wood showcasing a good tannin structure that will allow it to age extremely well."  
(Johnnie Calitz— Winemaker)

Alc. 14.5% R.S. 3.1 g/l T.A. 6.5 g/l pH 3.34