

Collection Red Blend 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
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In the Vineyard	Our viticulturist and winemaker are passionately involved in maintaining the unique terroir of our vineyards nestled on the slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain. Vines in all three vineyards are drip irrigated and trained on a 5 wire Perold trellis system. Planted in selected sites suited for each variety, the soils consist of weathered granite and "koffieklip".
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In the Cellar	Gentle handling and absolute attention throughout the wine making process ensured the wine was kept as natural as possible. Distinct blackcurrant and liquorice, with characteristic bell pepper notes mingle with chocolate and sweet berry flavours. The components were fermented naturally in small open top barrels and left on skins for 30 days. Only the free-draining juice went into French Oak barriques, matured for 18 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.
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In the Glass	"Full and complex. Vibrant red fruit and cassis from the Cabernet Sauvignon combined with hints of Cabernet Franc's tobacco leaf and bell pepper and a drop of Merlot's plum and vanilla undertones. Explosive and evolving aromas of ripe black berries, leather and pencil shavings are followed by hints of cedar wood and cassis. The palate is brimming with dark fruit and peppermint chocolate, alongside of soft tannins and a velvety finish. A wine of great pedigree that will reward cellaring." (Johnnie Calitz — Winemaker)
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Alc. 14.5% R.S. 2.1g/l T.A. 6.3 g/l pH 3.45