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## Gravel Quarry Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

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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

Vines in this single vineyard are drip irrigated, and trained on a 5 wire Perold trellis system. Planted in a rehabilitated gravel quarry, the soils consist of weathered granite and "koffieklip". Quality and concentration showed despite the low yields which were indicated on the 2018 vintage, the 3rd successive dry season due to the below average winter rainfalls in the Cape Winelands.

### In the Cellar

Hand sorted berries from the single vineyard were naturally fermented in open top steel fermenters. Free run and press juice were kept separate throughout with only the most expressive lots transferred to new French 225l barriques for 24 months.

### In the Glass

"A sophisticated and powerful wine which pays tribute to the soil's identity on one of the most esteemed of the noble varietals. The nose shows layers of ripe blackcurrants, dark berries, dark chocolate and hints of bramble and cedar nuance. A balanced wine, with a full and complex palate rounded out by subtle oak spice and firm tannin. The bottle is sealed with a hand selected premium grade natural cork offering a zero taint guarantee". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)

### Wine Analysis

Alc. 14.5%   R.S. 4.5g/l   T.A. 7.5g/l   pH 3.25