



## Collection Muscat d’Alexandrie 2022

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

St Helena Bay

### In the Vineyard

Old vines aged over 65 years old and planted in white sand with underlying clay and calcareous segments within, these grapes are grown around 3 km from the Atlantic Ocean and enjoy a cool sea breeze that contrasts the dry climate. The vineyard is not certified at such but grown using organic principles and managed without using chemical additives that can impair the natural balance of the terroir. The harvest is manual at optimum point of ripeness, capturing the elegant acidity and the expressive nature of this grape.

### In the Cellar

The grapes for this wine were carefully hand sorted, to retain the best of the berries which were pressed, racked clean and then fermented naturally in 500 litre 2<sup>nd</sup> fill French Oak barrels. The attention to detail throughout the winemaking process is tasted on this wine. It was handled sensibly and sensitively with gravity led transfers, showcasing the natural layered structure and essence of this intensely flavoured dry ‘Hanepoot’.

### In the Glass

“The highly aromatic floral nose dominated by lime blossom and white peach leads into flavour so fruity that you almost think you are eating ripe grapes or peaches. Good grip to the very dry flavours of white peach, lemon, flowers and an underlying chalk-minerality makes this wine an absolute treat.” (Johnnie Calitz—Winemaker)