



Tormentoso

Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Wine of Origin

Coastal Region

Grape Source

A blend of vineyards from Paarl and Stellenbosch

Varietal Blend

87% Cabernet Sauvignon
13% Petit Verdot

Production

10 000 x 6 x 750ml

Closure

Natural Cork

Analysis

Alc: 14.5%
RS: 3.2 g/l
TA: 6.0 g/l
pH: 3.5

Tasting notes

This wine has an intensely dark centre with a deep-garnet rim. Inviting nose of toasty spice, tobacco and classic Cabernet cassis. These flavours follow through on the palate, backed by vanilla oak flavours from the barrel maturation. Juicy red wine gum flavours on the palate provide a lingering, lengthy finish. Petit Verdot adds velvety tannins and a ripe blackberry note.

Vineyards

We source our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from two different sites, one in Stellenbosch (87%). The vineyard is situated in Stellenbosch between 200m to 260m above sea-level on a North-West-facing slope of Bottelary Hills. This vineyard ripens slowly and gradually to form dark and concentrated fruit flavours with a lot of grippy tannins. Petit Verdot from the Paarl region (13%) adds dark juicy fruit, soft tannins and a beautiful intense colour to the blend.

Vinification details

Grapes were hand-harvested at 26° balling. This was followed by a one day cold maceration. Fermentation took place over 5 days in stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. 100% of the wine was matured in 225L and 300L French oak barrels (20% new) for 15 months. Fined and filtered before bottling.

Vintage description

A cold and wet winter in 2014 set the stage for a very good 2015 harvest. Although the conditions were harsh and quite dry during harvest 2015, the yields were quite good and the reds were fantastic. Good ripening conditions made for deeply-coloured reds that were softer and drinkable earlier than other vintages. One of the best red vintages in the last 10 years!

