



WINEMAKER: Abrie Beeslaar

VARIETALS: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc,

15% Merlot

ORIGIN: Simonsberg, Stellenbosch

**CLIMATE:** A warm dry winter with hot days during the

picking season

AGE OF VINES: 28 years on average

**IRRIGATION:** Combination of dry land vineyards and

supplemental irrigation

SOIL: Decomposed granite, Hutton and Clovelly soils

YIELD: 4 tons/ha – 2750 litres/ha

VINIFICATION: 5 days on skins in open fermenters @ 29 °C. The

cap was punched down manually every 2 hours.

MATURATION: 24 months in 225L French Nevers oak – 100%

new barrels.

**TASTING NOTES:** Complex and layered aromas of cassis, plums and sweet spice are further complimented by notes of tobacco, cedar wood and cigar box on the nose. The palate has a plush, juicy red and black fruit core with seamless, integrated tannins and a fine seam of acidity. Pin-point balance between the new oak and fruit results in a wine with grace and elegance. Beautiful savoury notes on the finish.

**FOOD PAIRING:** A great accompaniment to meat casseroles, steak, roasts and a selection of well-matured cheeses.

**AGEING POTENTIAL:** If stored correctly, this wine will mature gracefully for 20 – 25 years.

CHEMICAL ANALYSES:

ALCOHOL FREESO2 TOTALSO2 PH T/A R/S V/A 13.84% 35 105 3.44 5.9 3.0 0.62

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