# RUPERT & ROTHSCHILD CLASSIQUE 2016

# WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Nuances of fresh cranberry and wild black cherry which evolves into delicate hazelnut truffle chocolate with a silky, smooth lingering texture. Recommended with seared Springbok loin, braised Springbok shoulder and aromatic potato pudding with a gastrique of port cherry and puffed barley.

## 2016 HARVEST

The grapes were hand-picked from beginning February to end March 2016.

#### VINICULTURE

Fermented in stainless steel tanks with extended skin contact. Malolactic fermentation also occurred in stainless steel tanks.

## VITICULTURE

Cultivar: Merlot 50%

Cabernet Sauvignon 35% Cabernet Franc 15% Wine of Origin Western Cape

Appellation: Wine of Origin Age of Vines: 12 to 23 years Irrigation: Drip irrigation

#### MATURATION

Matured for 16 months in 225 litre French oak barrels. The wine has an ageing potential of at least 7 years from vintage.

#### ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.5% vol Total Acidity: 5.9 g/1 pH: 3.55 Residual Sugar: 3.0 g/1

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