



Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Wine of Origin Coastal Region

Blend:

Cabernet Sauvignon 88%, Merlot 12%

Production:

35,000 cases of 12

Grape source:

80% Agter- Paarl, 20% Stellenbosch

Wine analysis:

Alc 14.0% • RS 3.1 g/l • TA 5.9 g/l • pH 3.44

Winemaking techniques:

From several un-irrigated vineyards in the Agter-Paarl area and the premium Stellenbosch region. Our Malmesbury Shale soils have excellent water retention ability and give concentrated, flavourful grapes, which were hand-harvested at optimum ripeness and given a one day cold maceration. Fermentation took place over 5 days in stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. Just before dryness, the wine was pressed and put back into tank for malo-lactic fermentation. 50% of the wine was matured in 300 l American oak barrels (25% new) for 12 months. Fined and filtered before bottling.

Vintage conditions:

The growing season was generally cool, with good winter rainfall and a long ripening season. Average yield was 7-8 tons/ha. Grapes were healthy and showed excellent colour intensity and expressive fruit characters.

Wine description & food pairing:

A bold and juicy red wine with red-berry fruit aromas and a touch of oak spice. Classic cabernet cassis and red-currant fruit flavours with silky tannins and long finish. Should go nicely with a wide range of foods, particularly red meats and pasta. Serve at a cool room temperature.



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