

GRAND CLASSIQUE 2013

The name Bordeaux derives from the French *au bord de l'eau* which means "along the waters". Bordeaux red wine is typically Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. Carmenère are also allowed. The phrase, which seems to have originated with British wine merchants in the 19th Century, relates as much to wines made from the blend as to the grape-variety combination itself. Far from being an officially defined or legal term.

Our Grand Classique is a blend of the five noble grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. Giving you a good depth of colour, soft, round and showing some nice body. These wines often have great fruit concentration, softer tannins and are long-lived.

The Grand Classique varieties are from selected vineyard sites - handpicked, crushed, macerated, fermented and aged in French Oak Barrels separately. This way each variety enhances its character to bring this blend to its best.



Appellation	Paarl
Varieties	Cabernet Sauvignon 33% Merlot 23% Petit Verdot 17% Malbec 14% Cabernet Franc 13%
Harvest Date	February & March 2013
Analysis	Alc: 14% R.S 2.1 T.A 6.0g/l pH 3.55
Fermentation	3-4 weeks in stainless steel tanks which were pumped over 3-4 times a day as required. 1-2 weeks maceration on skins
Ageing	18 months: 30% new French oak (225 litre) , 40% second fill and 30% third fill French oak (225 litre)
Bottling Date	August, 2016
Optimum Drinkability	2016 to 2024
Enjoy With	Beef sirloin, oxtail and smoked bone marrow croquette, celeriac puree, poached pear, celeriac and hazelnut dressing
Winemaker's Note	<p>The 2013 harvest season exceeded the expectations of the South African wine industry, with a particularly healthy crop. The harvest also started late, where extended hang-time for the earlier ripening red cultivars, paved the way for a solid vintage.</p> <p>Striving towards the perfect blended balance, this complex yet elegant wine has a vibrant dark red colour with hints of herbal and violet aromas folded into layers of dark chocolate and savoury notes, underlined by liquorice spice and dried peach aromas. It is smooth and supple on the palate with ripe tannins, good concentration and persistent plush finish.</p>