



2012 Gravel Quarry



The rich tapestries of passionate people interwoven with insightful curators have shaped and continue to develop Glen Carlou. A splendid storyline supports our desirable reputation of being an awarded and respected wine marque.

Our farm is situated in the Simonsberg Mountain foothills in the Paarl region of the Western Cape and encompasses a variety of slopes and aspects. Of the current 31 blocks planted, each is nurtured according to its own unique potential, respecting the natural cycles of the vines. A vineyard programme of adding five hectares per year to realise a total of 60 hectares is underway with hardier rootstocks and new varietal clonal selections being planted.

The 145 hectare property transferred back to local ownership when in 2016 Glen Carlou was purchased by a South African family consortium.

Whilst the management team has remained largely unchanged, the excitement for the years ahead is driven by our new winemaker Johnnie Calitz.

Wine of Origin	Paarl
Wine Analysis	Alc: 14.5% R.S: 1.9g/L T.A 5.2g/L pH 3.58
Vinification	Fermented in stainless steel tanks for two weeks followed by skin contact maceration of 10 days. It was then aged in new 225 l French oak barrels for 18 months.
Optimum Drinkability	Drink now; suitable for ageing for 10 years from vintage.
Winemaker's Tasting Note	"One of the most significant qualities of Cabernet Sauvignon is its ability to age well, and the Gravel Quarry 2012 is showing its potential. Distinct aromas of black cherry and cedar, with notes of pine needles, hints of cinnamon and subtle oak. A full bodied wine, with well-aged and firm tannins, sensitively balanced. Concentrated, dried currants fill a plush mid-palate, adding to the extended length of this prestigious wine." Johnnie Calitz