

2015 Grand Classique



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: 14.34% | R.S: 2.3g/L | T.A 6.0g/L | pH 3.57

Vinification

A blend of 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 18% Petit Verdot, 17% Cabernet Franc, 15% Malbec. Fermented in stainless steel tanks for up to 4 weeks, daily pump overs of up to 4 times with a further 2 weeks of skin contact maceration for colour and tannin extraction. Aged in 225l French oak for 18 months—30% new, 40% 2nd and 30% 3rd.

Optimum Drinkability

Drink now; suitable for ageing for up to eight years from vintage.

Winemaker's Tasting Note

"The handpicked grapes for this blend were all vinified separately until it was time to blend. The full-bodied palate is firmly structured with finely grained tannins and a line of natural acidity supporting the combination of red and blackberry fruit. On the multi layered nose expect to find soft spices and concentrated blackberry aromas mingling with classic Cabernet cigar box and red cherry notes." Johnnie Calitz