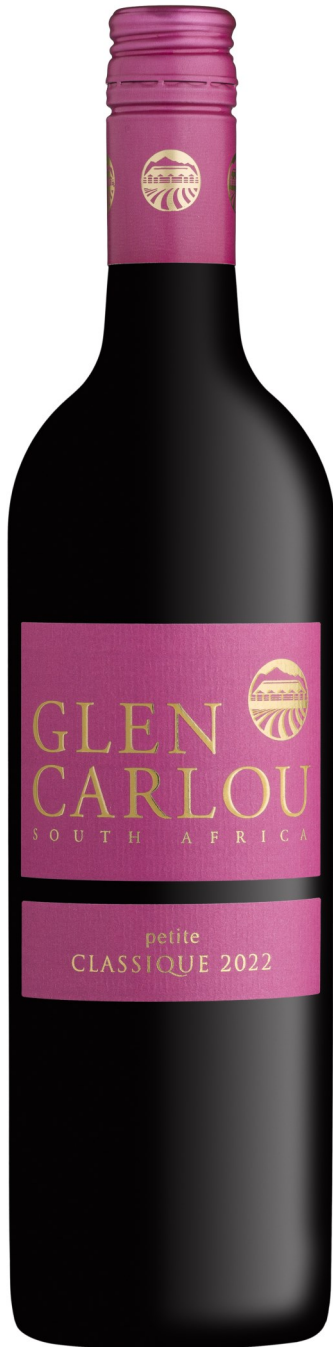




## Petite Classique 2022



Glen Carlou is situated in the Simonsberg-Paarl region of South Africa's Western Cape.

The vineyard blocks encompass a variety of slopes and aspects - each is nurtured according to its own unique potential, respecting the natural cycles of the vines.

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

Significant investments have been made for the vineyard replanting programme, one of several initiatives implemented since the change in ownership. Robust drought resistant rootstocks and new clones are being planted to increase the hectares under vine.

The rich tapestries of passionate people interwoven with insightful custodians have shaped and continue to develop Glen Carlou. A splendid storyline supports our desirable international reputation of being a trusted, highly awarded and respected wine brand.

### Wine of Origin

Coastal Region

### In the Vineyard

Fruit was hand harvested in the early mornings mid February from a selection of younger vineyards, within the greater Coastal region. Meticulous vineyard management ensures superior red fruit concentration and flavours so that conditions within the vine's canopy was a focus viticultural practise. As was the 'green harvest' undertaken shortly after *veraison* to ensure even ripening of flavourful berries.

### In the Cellar

Malbec and Merlot were handpicked between 25.2-25.5°Balling and fermented in stainless steel tanks with regular pump overs during fermentation. The wine was left on the skins for two weeks to maximise extraction, and malolactic fermentation was allowed in the tanks. Both components were vinified and developed separately before blending, in 2nd and 3rd fill French oak barriques for up to 12 months on fine lees.

### In the Glass

"A plush softly textured blend, featuring two varietals known for their panache, that rewards by being immediately accessible. Velvety tannins on a beautifully layered mouthfeel support vivacious red berry fruit aromas which entice along with freshly muddled mint and cinnamon notes. The delightful medium bodied wine with its distinctive label colour. Best served ever so slightly chilled. Bright and lively". (Johnnie Calitz – winemaker)

Alc. 14% R.S. 4.2 g/l T.A. 5.8 g/l pH 3.44