



Collection Petite Sirah 2020



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

Our 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 Simonsberg-Paarl

In the Vineyard

The predominantly gravel soil of this trellised block has subsoils of clay and granite deposits. The cool clay retains moisture whilst the granite provides great minerality and backbone to a wine. 2020 was another exceptional vintage for Simonsberg reds. Durif as the varietal is also known, is renowned for yielding intensely coloured and amply tannic wines.

In the Cellar

Hand picked grapes were fermented in small, single lots and handled with minimal intervention to encourage further colour and tannin extraction. Maturation in older seasoned 225L French oak barrels lasted for 16 months. Deep flavours and the layered natural texture of Petite Sirah are facets which will enable it to age beautifully.

In the Glass

"In the glass this Petite Sirah exhibits aromas of ripe plum and savoury black olive, following through to flavours of blueberry compote, hints of white pepper and vanilla. A full-bodied mouthfeel with an elegant structure and balanced acidity leads to a long finish. An underlying subtle spiciness complements this rather sizable wine which has a clearly defined tannin spine and will benefit from cellaring". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)

Alc. 14.5% R.S. 3.7g/l T.A. 6.1g/l pH 3.70