

## Collection Semillon 2022

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.

**Collection wines** are annual releases of mostly single vineyard and naturally fermented characterful, individual wines. Fruit is sourced from distinctive small blocks or vineyards, often from far afield, by means of contracts entered into with specific grape growers. Each wine has varying and unique attributes either from a viniculture feature or through its journey in the winery. Occasionally only 600 bottles of a wine are released, as quantity is restricted due to the yield.



### Wine of Origin

Groenekloof

### In the Vineyard

Sourced from a single dryland bush vine vineyard, this Semillon comes from the higher-lying areas of Groenekloof, outside Darling, with the Atlantic Ocean visible in the distance, only 15km away. The Vineyards are situated high up in the mountains receiving the direct South-Western cold Atlantic winds, where the average temperature is a lot lower than surrounding vineyards, which contribute to fruit preservation. This vineyard is terraced, with good natural drainage and low yielding properties which lends this wine not only to an expressive fruit profile, but also to great minerality, lively balanced acidity and finesse.

### In the Cellar

After a very long and cool ripening season our Semillon was harvested at the end of February at an average of 24°B for a fuller, more rounded wine. The grapes were de-stemmed, with no prolonged skin contact. This wine fermented naturally and kept was in 2nd fill 500 litre French Oak barrels for 6 months. With Semillon we take a reductive approach, this limits the juice and the wine's exposure to oxygen and ensure the retention of flavour compounds. After fermentation the barrels were racked and the wine kept unfiltered before bottling, after which it was aged for another 6 months before release.

### In the Glass

"Extraordinary Semillon complexity with passionfruit, hints of green pepper, complemented with strong herbaceous and floral aromas, these dryland conditions contribute to a deeply flavoured and characterful wine which evolves and also reveal provocative floral, white pear and citrus blossom notes with time in glass. Complex, well-balanced with a lingering after taste of guava, gooseberries, and watermelon skin. The slight saltiness on entry, with a creaminess coming through towards the end, coats a solid foundation for the concentration in-between." (Johnnie Calitz— Winemaker)

Alc. 13.5% R.S. 2.9 g/l T.A. 5.8 g/l pH 3.64