

## Collection Cabernet Franc 2018



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.

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Stellenbosch
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<b>In the Vineyard</b>	The 2018 vintage was a challenging one. Dry conditions helped to ensure excellent grape quality, with smaller berry sizes bringing concentrated flavour and colour. Sensible irrigation, minimal vineyard intervention and soils with excellent water holding capacity, aided these Banghoek Cabernet Franc vines to avoid water stress, and helped us in producing another fantastic harvest off this elevated mountain Vineyard.
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<b>In the Cellar</b>	Hand-picked and hand sorted grapes were fermented naturally in small open top tanks and then barrel matured for 16 months in 225 litre barriques. Gentle handling and absolute attention throughout the wine making process ensured the wine was kept as natural as possible with frequent punch downs and skin contact of 30 days.
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<b>In the Glass</b>	"Vibrant red fruit combined with plum and vanilla undertones and hints of tobacco leaf and bell pepper, seamlessly intermingle on this distinctive wine. The palate is brimming with dark fruit and peppermint chocolate; refined tannins and a velvety touch lead to a long aftertaste. An absolutely stunning wine, complete with balance and sophisticated elegance". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)
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<b>Wine Analysis</b>	Alc. 14% R.S. 2.2/l T.A. 5.7g/l pH 3.43
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