



Nederburg is one of South Africa's leading wineries, with a prize-winning pedigree that stems from a culture of innovation and disciplined attention to detail. The wines are richly fruited with elegant, fresh flavours and structure, and range from exclusive, micro-edition offerings for the connoisseur to wines styled for everyday enjoyment.

HERITAGE HEROES

Nederburg Heritage Heroes The Brew Master Bordeaux-style red blend | 2020

THE RANGE:

The Heritage Heroes collection of individually named, hand-made gourmet wines, honours some of the legends who have shaped Nederburg and its history as one of South Africa's most awarded wineries. Every one of these wines has been made with a focus on innovation, whether in terms of technique or choice of varietal, to offer wine lovers a greater and more nuanced spectrum of flavour. The Brew Master is a classic Bordeaux-style red blend that commemorates brew master and tea specialist Johann Graue, who revolutionised winemaking in South Africa with his clonal selection efforts to isolate top-performing vines for reproduction and introduction of cold fermentation techniques. The co-owner of a leading brewery in Germany before he came to South Africa, he acquired Nederburg in 1937 and is believed to have created the foundation for excellence followed by his successors. Graue understood long before the rest that one must begin with the best raw materials and that excellent wine originates in the vineyards.

VINEYARDS:

The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit came from the Paarl and Stellenbosch growing areas, Petit Verdot from Paarl, Cabernet Franc from Philadelphia, Malbec from Darling, and Merlot from Stellenbosch.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were individually vinified. After sorting at the cellar, the fruit was fermented on the skins in a combination of submerged cap, roto, open and combi stainless-steel fermenters. Upon reaching the desired colour and tannin extraction levels, the wine was racked into a combination of first-fill 300-litre French and American oak barrels, and matured for 29 months. After maturation the wine was racked, blended and bottled.

WINEMAKER: Zinaschke Steyn

VARIETY / VARIETIES: Cabernet Sauvignon (64%), Petit Verdot (18%), Cabernet Franc (11%), Merlot (4%), Malbec (3%)

TASTING NOTE: The proverbial sheep in wolf's clothing, this wine conceals more than it reveals. It's powerful and muscular but it's under control and self-possessed. Rich with dark blue and black berry fruit flavour with vibrant spice highlights and complexity added by a dried herb nuance, there is something gentle and appealing in its subtle violet florality on the periphery. There's an oaky tannin note, but it's supportive rather than overbearing. Everything is in harmony. Long and rewarding.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS: Made for hearty fare, its flavours will complement anything from a beefy stew to the more exotic notes of Middle-Eastern dishes.

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.94 g/l **ALCOHOL:** 13.99 %

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.40 g/l (Tartaric) **PH:** 3.76

