



# Chateau Libertas

## CHATEAU LIBERTAS 2021

### BACKGROUND

Known affectionately as the grandfather of South African reds, Chateau Libertas is one of South Africa's longest established wine labels. First released in 1932, it has been made uninterrupted since that time, changing remarkably little since its debut. Those who have been involved in making the blend will attest that there has never been a fixed recipe. The overriding criterion has always been to remain loyal to the original intention of the wine: to please with an approachable, well-balanced and layered combination of fruit and wood and the structure to age.

The 2021 vintage of Chateau Libertas is made from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (26%), Petit Verdot (25%), Shiraz (19%), Merlot (15%), Cinsault (9%) and Roobernet (6%).

### THE VINEYARDS (VITICULTURIST: ISABEL HABETS)

Grapes for the wine were sourced from premier vineyards across the Western Cape, mostly from Stellenbosch, but also from Malmesbury and Darling.

### THE WINEMAKING (WINEMAKER: BONNY VAN NIEKERK)

Optimally ripened grapes were received at the cellar and fermented at 22° to 25° C for 10 to 14 days. The skins were pressed and the free run and pressed juice kept separate. The different grape varieties were individually vinified, with malolactic fermentation taking place in stainless steel tanks prior to maturation. The various cultivars were separately matured in on oak staves prior to blending.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

- Colour: Ruby red.
- Bouquet: Lots of dark ripe fruit with small berry fruit aromas, followed by sweet oak spice.
- Taste: Stylish and quite old-world in its layering of subtle small black berry fruit flavours in harmony with sweet oak and firm yet juicy tannins on the finish.

### FOOD PAIRING

Smooth and delicious, it makes a great match with so many foods. Try it with smoked meats, hearty pastas, pizza, grills, roasts, casseroles, stews and robust cheeses.

### CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.75% by volume	Residual sugar:	4.50 g/l
Total acid:	5.75 g/l	PH:	3.58



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