

# UNFILTERED CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014



Handcrafted to unlock the natural style inherent in the best grapes from select parcels of vines grown in the Cape Floral Kingdom, these elegant wines capture the highly sought-after qualities of varietal character and terroir. These wines are not pressured by filtration – letting gravity do the work - resulting in a rich, complex taste that abounds with fruit and flavour.

## TERROIR

Climate, soil, altitude and slope orientation are selected to capture as much varietal character as possible. Climate is mild with south and east-facing slopes offering natural protection against late afternoon sun. Cooling breezes from the Atlantic Ocean ensure rich, slow growing crops. The soil is predominantly medium textured and well-drained with good water holding capacity.

## THE VINEYARDS

**Viticulturist: Annelie Viljoen**

The grapes were sourced from three vineyards in Stellenbosch, planted in 1999 and 2001. The vineyards are situated in decomposed granite and decomposed shale. The vines are trellised and produce between 7 and 9 tons/ha. The soils produce moderate growth and exceptional grapes that ripen late in the growing season. Canopies are managed to increase sunlight penetration while simultaneously limiting sunburn during the long ripening period.

## FOOD PAIRING

This complex wine is the ideal accompaniment to fillet of beef and roast lamb but goes equally well with rich, robust dishes and strong flavoured cheeses.

## THE WINEMAKING

**Cellarmaster: Wim Truter**

**Winemaker: Pieter Badenhorst**

The grapes were handpicked, crushed via a sorting table and fermented in stainless steel tanks and small open top fermenters. Flavour and tannin extraction was evaluated daily and managed by manual punch downs, pump-overs and delestage. After fermentation, the wine was drained off with the hard pressings excluded. The wine was placed in mainly French oak barrels where malolactic fermentation occurred. The final selection for the blend was made after 12 months in barrel. The wine was clarified by only racking to enable bottling without filtration.

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Aromas of maraschino cherry and raspberry with hints of mint, dark chocolate and vanilla abound. The wine has a dense and rich mouthfeel with well-rounded, soft tannins. It is very approachable young, but the structure will give this classically made Cabernet Sauvignon great age-ability.

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol	14.20 vol %
Residual Sugar	2,33 g/l
Total acidity	5,38 g/l
pH	3,61