



NEDERBURG

Crafted over two centuries.



## 2007 II CENTURIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Background

Tradition and talent blend with passion, precision and patience at Nederburg, where classically structured wines are made with vibrant fruit flavours. Nederburg's hallmark combination of fruit and finesse continues to be rewarded around the world. The winery was recently chosen as the Winery of the Year in the Platter's South African Wine Guide, with an unprecedented five of its wines across the multi-tiered range earning five-star ratings in the 2011 edition. Nederburg also triumphed in Australia at the 2010 Tri Nations Wine Challenge, winning the trophy for top dessert wine. It was also awarded the trophy for the most successful producer on the Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show in 2008 and again in 2009 and produced the winning Shiraz in the 2008 Lexus WINE Shiraz Challenge. These are just some of the many accolades earned by Nederburg where hand-crafted, micro-cuvées for specialist winelovers and beautifully balanced and accessible wines for everyday enjoyment are made with equal commitment.

As Distell's biggest wine brand, Nederburg is exported to key global markets in the UK, Europe and North America, where it is steadily building a presence and reputation for classically styled wines with fruit-rich flavours. Its growing success as a global lifestyle brand is the result of an extensive infrastructure that includes ongoing viticultural research, implementation of pioneering vineyard practices, sourcing of top-quality grapes; major investment in cellar facilities and an international marketing and distribution network.

Razvan Macici heads the team as Nederburg cellar master. He is supported by two winemakers who work closely under his direction. They are Wilhelm Pienaar, who produces the red wines and Tariro Masayiti, who makes the whites.

### II Centuries Collection

A celebration of two centuries of skill, tradition and heritage, II Centuries forms the apex of the multi-tiered range of wines produced by Nederburg. All single-varietal wines, the "best of best" collection of hand-made wines are produced from grapes sourced from the best vines within top-performing vineyards jointly identified by our highly-skilled winemaking and viticultural teams.

This wine is made entirely from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

### Vineyards

The grapes were sourced from unirrigated vineyards in the Simonsberg ward of the Paarl area. The vines, around 30 years old, are situated at altitudes of 300 to 400 m above sea level. Individual vines within identified vineyards were chosen to provide fruit that stand out for their and for their exceptional concentration and depth of aromas and flavours as well as their fine balance of fruit, acid and sugar.

### Winemaking

The grapes were harvested by hand at 24° Balling during February and March. They were crushed and cool-fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at 24° to 28° C for a period of 10 days.

Post-fermentation skin contact lasting a month followed. The wine was matured in new Radoux barrels for 30 months.

**Winemaker**  
Wilhelm Pienaar

**Colour**  
Deep ruby red

**Bouquet**  
Signature notes of cassis, tobacco leaf and cigar box mark this as a classic

**Palate**  
Richly ripe black fruits harmonise with oak to produce a generous, mouthfilling profusion of flavours, tempered by firm tannins

**Food suggestions**  
Excellent enjoyed on its own or served with carpaccio, coq au vin, roast lamb, beef and venison

**Alcohol**  
14,59%

**Residual sugar**  
2,4 grams/litre

**pH**  
3,55

**Acidity**  
6,5 grams/litre

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