

THE BLEND 2018

51% Cab Sauv, 19% Cab Franc, 16% Malbec and 14% Petit Verdot

Release date: September 2020

Gabriëlskloof is a family-owned-and-run wine estate just outside Botrivier. The farm and vineyards were established in 2000, with our first vintage made in the cellar in 2009. Some years on, we are confident that as our roots dig ever deeper into Botrivier, our understanding of the terroir will grow, along with wines that elegantly, understatedly, simply speak for themselves.

About

The Blend is part of the Gabriëlskloof Estate range of wines, together with our Rosebud, Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc and Syrah. This range offers a selection of boutique style wines that always over-deliver on quality and value.

Climate & Viticulture

The 2018 vintage was a challenging one, with drought as the predominant factor leading to smaller yields. The dry weather throughout the season did have its advantages, though, as vines were healthy, with little or no pests and diseases and improved overall quality.

Vinification

All the fruit was hand-picked and whole bunch pressed. Fermentation and ageing took place in barrel and in tank, and maturation over 12 months in second- and third-fill barrels.

Tasting note

Lifted aromas of red cherries, cedar and dried peach on the nose leading on to sumptuous, dark fruits on the palate with just a hint of black pepper. A medium-bodied palate with firm, fine tannins. Finishes with a fresh but lingering aftertaste.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	14.26 % volume
Residual sugar	2.3 g/l
Total Acid	5.7 g/l
pH	3.49



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