

ESTATE: GABRIËLSKLOOF, BOTRIVIER  
RANGE: THE LANDSCAPE SERIES  
WINE: CABERNET FRANC  
VARIETIES: SINGLE VARIETY  
VINTAGE: 2015



# GABRIËLSKLOOF

The Landscape Series of wines is an authentic representation of our top vineyards, as well as a few old vine treasures. We wanted the labels to reflect this and decided to commission local artist and friend Niël Jonker to capture the spirit of our Overberg landscapes. The first two wines to be released as part of the series were the Magdalena and Elodie in August 2016, with the Cabernet Franc and the two single vineyard Syrahs released in June 2017.

**“It became apparent soon after the conclusion of my first vintage that Gabriëlskloof is ideally suited to growing Cabernet Franc. The most perfumed and elegant of the five Bordeaux varieties belongs on our slopes and bottling it as a single variety was an easy decision.”**

Peter-Allan Finlayson

## VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage led to early proclamations that it is a Cape classic, and the wines are certainly backing this up. In his fourth annual guide to South African wines, award-winning British wine writer and Master of Wine Tim Atkin says the 2015 vintage is “the best I’ve tasted in 26 years...”. A wet 2014 provided ample reserves for the vines to develop happily through the warm and dry summer leading to early, but full ripeness and beautifully balanced wines.

## VINEYARD NOTES

The fruit comes from a single vineyard, mountainside site on the Gabriëlskloof property. The soil is a combination of Overberg Shale and Table Mountain Sandstone, with this complexity transferred into the wine through a lovely mix of fruit and spice. The vineyard is 15 years old, and this maturity shows in the depth and character of the wine.

## WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-picked into small crates and transferred directly into our cool room where it remained overnight. 90% of the crop was destemmed with the remaining 10% left as whole clusters. The wine was fermented wild and aged in 500L barrels for 18 months, with 30% new French Oak used.

## TASTING NOTE

The wine is unmistakably Cabernet Franc, with notes of tobacco leaf, bell pepper and plum leading into an elegant, refined palate with fine tannins and just enough grip to balance the concentrated red fruit.

## AGEING POTENTIAL

Delicious now and into 2022.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alk: 14.38% | RS: 1.43g/l | pH: 3.42 | TA: 5.39g/l

