

CABERNET FRANC

THE LANDSCAPE SERIES

2021

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ABOUT

The Landscape Series is a range of five wines that show the best of Gabriëlskloof's vineyards, together with some special old vine treasures, and aims to give an honest representation of the elements that make them unique. We wanted the labels to reflect this approach and commissioned Niël Jonker – well-known for his landscape panels painted on location – to capture the spirit of our Overberg landscapes.

VINEYARD NOTES

The 19-year-old vineyard is situated on a rocky mountainside site on the Gabriëlskloof property. The soil combines Overberg Shale and Table Mountain Sandstone.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-picked into small crates and transferred directly into our cold room, where it remained overnight. All fruit was destemmed. The wine was fermented naturally without the addition of any yeasts. Daily pump-overs were done until fermentation stopped, and the pressing took place two weeks after that. The wine went into barrel (30% new oak) and spent about 14 months in barrel before bottling.

TASTING NOTE

Blackberries, liquorice and cloves form part of a perfumed vintage that is alive with a fresh herbaceousness that recalls bouquet garni. That almond husk texture to the tannins is again present on the palate, adding a savoury counterpoint to brighter, red-fruited notes. Elegant and coiled, promising plenty more to offer over time.

TECHNICAL

Alc 14.6 | RS 1.8 | TA 5.6 | pH 3.55

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