

ESTATE: GABRIËLSKLOOF, BOTRIVIER  
RANGE: THE LANDSCAPE SERIES  
WINE: MAGDALENA  
VINTAGE: 2021  
VARIETIES: OLD VINE SEMILLON (FRANSCHHOEK) 90%  
SAUVIGNON BLANC (BOTRIVIER) 10%  
PRODUCTION: 1500 BOTTLES



# GABRIËLSKLOOF

The Landscape Series is a range of five wines that show the best of Gabriëlskloof's vineyards and winemaking and aims to represent 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 our Overberg landscapes' spirit.

## VINTAGE

The 2021 harvest stood out for consistent cooler weather throughout the growing and ripening period, leading to slower ripening and increased flavour development.

## VINEYARD NOTES

The core component of old-vine Franschhoek Semillon showed incredible resilience through a challenging growing season – late rain with January heatwaves. Apart from slightly lower acid at picking (toward the end of February), the fruit was clean and concentrated – flying the old vine flag high.

## WINEMAKING

Fermented and matured in 400- and 500-litre old French oak barrels and made oxidatively – whole bunch pressed – with minimal intervention (natural fermentation). Spent almost a year on its fine lees before being blended and bottled.

## TASTING NOTE

Greengage, quince and pea shoots lead the aromas before light honey and basil. The palate has a dried Grannysmith apple skin texture; the mid-palate filled out with nougat and salted macadamias — and a hint of yellow fruit and hay as it opens up. The latter notes are sure to develop with time in bottle, but the wine has a freshness and precision in its youth as is.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc 13.34 % vol | RS 1.7 g/l | TA 5.7 g/l | pH 3.32

