



GABRIËLSKLOOF RANGE

THE BLEND 2023

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Gabriëlskloof winery is in the Bot River ward, part of the greater Walker Bay region. Our winemaking philosophy is one of minimal intervention, only taking action where necessary. We believe this is the only way to give prominence to and reflect our terroir.

ABOUT

The Blend is part of the Gabriëlskloof 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

Vintage '23 was characterised by low yields and early ripening, resulting in wines of excellent concentration and marked freshness, particularly in the whites. Late-season rain delayed ripening on reds, leading to challenges, but increased flavour development and elegance.

VINIFICATION

Following careful hand-picking, bunches were destemmed and transferred to fermentation tanks using a gravity system, allowing for whole berry fermentation. Naturally fermented and aged 18 months in older French barrique. The components of the wine are Cabernet Sauvignon (62%), Malbec (10%), Merlot (10%), Cabernet Franc (9%), and Petit Verdot (9%).

TASTING NOTE

Graphite, mulberry and cassis lead on the nose ahead of damson, lavender and eucalyptus leaf. The palate is plush and generous, with a density of black and red fruits supported by the gentle sweet-spice of oak and grippy tannins. The finish is long and dry, with a liquorice-like savouriness.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

<i>Alcohol</i>	<i>14.8% volume</i>
<i>Residual sugar</i>	<i>1.6 g/l</i>
<i>Total acid</i>	<i>5.3 g/l</i>
<i>pH</i>	<i>3.55</i>



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