

# THE BLEND 2015

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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 Premium range of wines, together with our Sauvignon Blanc, Rosebud, Viognier and Shiraz. This range offers a selection of boutique style wines that always over-deliver on quality and value.

#### CLIMATE & VITICULTURE

Botrivier has a Mediterranean climate, which means longer growing seasons with moderate to warm temperatures. The conditions leading up to the 2015 harvest were dry and moderate, resulting in wines that combine intense fruit and freshness.

#### VINIFICATION

All the fruit was hand picked and whole bunch pressed. Fermentation and aging took place in barrel and in tank. The main component is Cabernet Sauvignon (49%) followed by Cabernet Franc (30%), Petit Verdot (14%), and Malbec (7%).

#### TASTING NOTE

Delicate violets and black fruit on both the nose and mouth, with hints of vanilla and tobacco leaf. Fine velvety tannins. Refined and elegantly lithe. Restrained power with a fynbos finish. Bright acidity, juicy palate with gentle but still youthful tannins.

#### Technical Analysis:

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| <i>Alcohol</i>        | <i>14.4 % volume</i> |
| <i>Residual Sugar</i> | <i>2.0 g/l</i>       |
| <i>Total Acid</i>     | <i>5.5 g/l</i>       |
| <i>pH</i>             | <i>3.59</i>          |



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