



# CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2024

*We're taking an important step with the revamped eco packaging for this range which reflects our profound commitment to sustainability, where we consider the wellbeing of our land, our people and ultimately our planet.*

## IN THE VINEYARDS

Carefully selected sea-facing vineyards, from a variety of sites from the coastal region of the cape, are combined to create this classic expression. A clear maritime influence is evident in the elegance and finesse of the wine. There was significant rainfall at the start of the season, but very little rain occurred after September. Warm summer temperatures and dryer conditions ensured excellent quality grapes.

## IN THE CELLAR

Picked at sunrise, the Cabernet Sauvignon was mostly whole berry fermented, whereas the Merlot grapes were crushed and destemmed into separate fermenters. The grapes were cold-soaked and a slight carbonic maceration employed for a lift in the fruit expression of the eventual wine. Cool fermentation temperatures and soft, daily pump-overs were used throughout to ensure an unhurried extraction of tannin from the skins. The wine was drawn off the skins straight thereafter in order to avoid over-extraction. Gentle pressing yielded only the best, softly textured wine and this was transferred to tank for malolactic fermentation. A portion of the wine was matured in French oak barrels for a period of 10 months before blending and bottling. The use of SO<sub>2</sub> was limited to an absolute minimum throughout so as to allow the wine to follow its own course and express its origin most clearly.

## A NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER

This harmoniously characterful blend of classic varieties aims to reflect the individuality of the sites in which it is grown through its fragrant blueberry and cassis aromas paired with an intriguing herbal perfume. Fine tannin combined with dense fruit expression create a rewarding drinking experience.

## THE TECHNICAL BITS

<b>VARIETIES</b>	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot</b>	
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Coastal, South Africa</b>	
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	Alcohol	13.5% vol.
	Total acidity	5.4 g/l
	pH	3.62
	Residual sugar	2.6 g/l



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