



LAIBACH

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VARIETAL	: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
ALCOHOL	: 13.5 % vol.
TA	: 5.6 g/l
pH	: 3.65
RS	: 2.4 g/l

A new vintage of our popular Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine we made already since our first vintage in 1997. Stellenbosch is a world-famous appellation for this noble grape and our farm, on the slopes of the Simonsberg, is also very well suited to King Cab. The grapes are all grown on deep red clay soils, farmed organically and with no irrigation. The grapes are from 2 blocks, the one 24 years old and the other 5 years. Both blocks are planted with the same clone called CS 45B. We have had quite a bit of success with this clone, and we won the best Cabernet Sauvignon in South - Africa in 2003 and again in 2005 in our young wine show.

Hand harvesting usually starts around the 2nd to 3rd week of March on our farm. We do a strict hand sorting after destemming but before crushing. This allows us to remove all the “MOG” (material other than grapes) on a modern vibrating table. A slow process but for our style particularly important. The mash is then gently pumped to 5-ton open fermentation vessels for the fermentation. We do a 6 - 8-day warm fermentation with punch downs and pump overs every 3 - 4 hours. This way we can gently extract colour, flavour and tannins. After fermentation is finished, we gently press and move the wine to stainless tanks for the malolactic fermentation. The wine will spend 12 -14 months in French oak barrels of which around 10% is new.

The wine got a lighter colour than usual. The nose is more classical with red berry, cigar box and pencil shavings in abundance. Medium bodied with quite a bit of tannin and a long lingering aftertaste. The wine is bone dry with a great acid level and a lot of ageing potential. It is not your blockbuster alcohol bomb but rather a classic wine with good ageing potential. A wine very typical of the vintage. Enjoy!

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