

## INDABA Mosaic 2020



Winemakers	Bruwer Raats & Clayton Christians
Varietal Blend	77% Merlot, 12.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8.3% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot
Location	South Africa
Appellation	Western Cape
Alcohol Content	14%
TA	5.58 g/l
pH	3.58
RS	3.07 g/l

### Certifications

Integrated Production of Wines (IPW) Certified



### VINEYARDS:

Grapes were sourced from select vineyard sites in Stellenbosch and Swartland. A small portion of the Cabernet Sauvignon comes from 20-year-old vines planted in soils with excellent moisture retention properties in the warm region of Swartland with the majority hailing from Stellenbosch. The Merlot is planted in Stellenbosch in soils of Tukulu, a form of decomposed granite with a high clay content. The vines are 21 years old. The Petit Verdot and Malbec grapes derive from 19-20 year old vines in Stellenbosch planted in soils of decomposed granite and table mountain sandstone.

### VINTAGE:

The 2020 harvest period was characterized by typical dry conditions and moderate temperatures. Carry-over effects from the heat during spring and effective canopies promoted ripening in the early cultivars and were therefore harvested much earlier. Sustained moderate temperatures occurred until the end of March and resulted in effective plant functioning and full maturity in late cultivars.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:

The grapes were harvested in the cool early morning hours. They were then de-stemmed and crushed. The Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented for eight days, with regular pumpovers. It was then pressed and racked to concrete tanks to complete alcoholic fermentation. The remainder of the components were fermented in stainless steel tanks until dry, with gentle pumpovers performed regularly. The wine was then pressed and returned to tank for malolactic fermentation and aging. Approximately 15% of the blend was aged in French oak. To name a few, a small portion of the Merlot (2018 vintage - 600L) was aged in second and third fill 300-liter French oak barrels for 18 months. The Petit Verdot (2019 vintage – 600L) was aged in second and third fill French oak barrels for 10 months.

### TASTING NOTES:

This succulent Bordeaux blend flaunts alluring aromas and juicy flavors of blackcurrant, ripe brambly berry fruit and dark chocolate, with subtle spice notes. Soft, gentle tannins coat the palate, enticing you to take another sip!

