

INDABA Mosaic 2021



Winemakers	Bruwer Raats & Clayton Christians
Varietal Blend	51.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23.6% Malbec, 22.6% Cabernet Franc, 2.1% Petit Verdot
Location	South Africa
Appellation	Western Cape
Alcohol Content	13.7%
TA	5.87 g/l
pH	3.6
RS	1.64 g/l

Certifications

Integrated Production of Wines (IPW) Certified



VINEYARDS:

Grapes were sourced from select vineyard sites in Stellenbosch, Wellington and Ashton. The majority of the Cabernet Sauvignon comes from Ashton, grown on vines aged between 8 to 23 years. The soil is mainly limestone based, with a small portion coming from shale. The aim is to make wine that shows lots of fruit flavor and soft tannins while maintaining good structure. The Petit Verdot and Malbec grapes derive from 20+ year-old vines in Stellenbosch planted in soils of decomposed granite and Table Mountain sandstone.

VINTAGE:

Warmer periods during the latter part of the winter resulted in some un-even budding, flowering and fruit set. The moisture levels in the soils were satisfactory throughout the growing and ripening phase, and very little moisture stress was noticeable on the vines. The late start to the 2021 harvest was one of the distinguishing hallmarks of this vintage. The cooler growing conditions of the 2021 vintage produced elegant wines with softer tannin structures that will make them accessible and drinkable from an earlier age.

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 on the skins, with regular pumpovers and weekly punchdowns. It was then pressed and racked to steel 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 48% of the blend was aged in 4th fill French oak for approximately 12 months. All the components were kept separate until the day of blending.

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!

