

## JAM JAR Sweet Red Blend 2021



Winemaker	Clayton Christians
Varietal Blend	65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Malbec, 14 % Merlot
Location	South Africa
Appellation	Western Cape
Alcohol Content	12.77%
TA	5.2 g/l
pH	3.61
RS	40.9 g/l

### Accolades

"Hot Prospect" *Shanken's Impact Newsletter*

### Certifications

Integrated Production of Wines (IPW)  
Certified

### Other

Gluten Free  
Vegan Friendly

### VINEYARDS:

Grapes were sourced from select vineyard sites in Paarl and Stellenbosch. The Cabernet Sauvignon from the Paarl area comes from 16-21 year old vines planted in soils with excellent moisture retention properties. A smaller separate portion of Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in Stellenbosch in soils of decomposed granite, with vines ranging from 6-15 years old. The Shiraz also hails from Paarl, benefiting from warm day temperatures and cool nights.

### VINTAGE:

Winter rainfall was higher than the previous two winters. Irregular temperatures from winter until the flowering period, together with cool growing conditions, led to great variations in the vineyards. The cool weather and regular rain showers led to less water stress for the vines during ripening. Harvest time was characterized by regular rain showers.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:

The grapes were harvested in the cool early morning hours. They were then destemmed and crushed. The Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented on the skins for approximately seven days, with regular pump overs. It was then pressed and racked to stainless steel tanks to complete alcoholic fermentation and undergo malolactic fermentation. About 20 % of the Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in third fill barrels for approximately 12 months. The Malbec and Merlot were also fermented in stainless steel tanks with gentle pump-overs performed regularly. The wine was then pressed and returned to tank. All three wines were then blended with minor adjustments made to ensure the residual sugar concentration is within spec.

### TASTING NOTES:

A bold blend, this smooth sweet red showcases a lovely core of dark and red fruit which mingles with baking spices, vanilla, and cinnamon. Deep and velvety, with a beautifully balanced acidity. This Sweet Red Blend is sophisticated yet inviting and playful—a solid sidekick for any meal or gathering.

