

INDABA Mosaic 2023



Winemakers	Bruwer Raats & Clayton Christians
Varietal Blend	87.1% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12.9% Merlot
Location	South Africa
Appellation	Western Cape
Alcohol Content	13.5%
TA	5.55 g/l
pH	3.59
RS	1.97 g/l

Certifications

Integrated Production of Wines (IPW) Certified

VINEYARDS:

Grapes were sourced from select vineyard sites in Paarl and Stellenbosch. The majority of the Cabernet Sauvignon comes from Paarl Perdeberg and was picked from 18+ year-old vines planted on south-west facing slopes which benefit from long sun hours. The soil consists mainly of decomposed of granite and shale. The aim is to make wine that shows an abundance of fruit flavor and soft tannins while maintaining good structure.

VINTAGE:

The winter was cold and wet with good rainfall. Cool weather during the budding and flowering season resulted in a later than normal start to harvest. This gave the grapes longer hang time to reach optimal ripeness and develop an array and depth of favorable fruit flavors

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 pressed and returned to tank for malolactic fermentation and aging. Approximately 11% of the blend is older (from the 2021 vintage) and aged in 4th fill French oak for approximately 12 months. All of the components were kept separate until the day of blending.

TASTING NOTES:

This juicy Bordeaux blend exhibits enticing aromas and fresh flavors of blackcurrant, ripe brambly berry fruit and dark chocolate with subtle spice notes. Soft, gentle tannins coat the palate.

