JAM JAR Sweet Red Blend 2024



Winemaker	Clayton Christians
Varietal Blend	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Pinotage, 20% Shiraz
Location	South Africa
Appellation	Western Cape
Alcohol Content	12.9%
TA	5.11 g/l
рН	3.74
RS	40.4 g/l

Certifications Integrated Production of Wines (IPW) Certified Other Gluten Free Vegan Friendly

VINEYARDS:

The Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from 21-year-old vineyards planted on south facing slopes on the Riebeek Mountain. The Pinotage and Shiraz grapes stem from trellised vines that range from 10-14 years old and are planted on shale soils. All of the vines are based in the Swartland region.

VINTAGE:

The 2024 vintage saw a long and cold winter with good rainfall between June and August. Vineyards were initially slow out of the blocks but conditions changed for the better during the budding season. There were no problems with growth and balance which led to a perfect ripening stage. Fruit was picked without any stress factors and showed well from the beginning of harvest right through the winemaking stages.

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 30% of the Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in third fill barrels for approximately 12 months. The Shiraz and Malbec were also fermented in stainless steel tanks with gentle pump-overs performed regularly. The wine was 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.



