

CLOS MALVERNE

CABERNET / MERLOT 2015

ORIGIN: From selected vineyards in the prime red wine growing area of the Devon Valley near Stellenbosch.

CLIMATE: Mediterranean - summers are warm and dry, whilst sea breezes from the nearby False Bay cool the vineyards in the afternoons. The winters are wet and cold with a high average rainfall.

VINIFICATION: The grapes are hand-harvested at optimal ripeness. They are then destalked, crushed and fermented for 7 days on their skins in open fermenting tanks. The average fermentation temperature is 25-30° C. After fermentation, the skins are pressed in traditional basket presses. The free run and pressed juices are combined and Malolactic fermentation spontaneously takes place in the tank. The wine was racked and matured in new 225l oak barrels (80% French, 20% American) for 12 months. After barrel maturation, the wine was blended (60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot), fined and bottled.

TASTING NOTES: The wine has a deep red colour. A smooth, easy drinking red wine to be enjoyed now. A lighter style Cabernet blend. The herby, berry character of the Cabernet Sauvignon is apparent and complimented by the fruitiness of the merlot. To be enjoyed now, but can be aged for another 2 – 3 years.

SOIL	TRELLISSING	YIELD	ANALYSIS
Deep red Hutton soils.	Hedged (Perold system)	8 tons per ha.	Alcohol: 14.36%
			Residual sugar: 2.1 g/l
			Total acidity: 5.7g/l
			pH: 3.66





AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2008	Cabernet / Merlot 2006 Swiss International Air Lines Wine Awards – Bronze Medal Cabernet/Merlot Ltd. Release '01 Decanter International Competition Awards – Gold Medal International Wine Challenge Competition – Silver Medal Concours Mondial de Bruxelles – Silver Medal
2006	Cabernet / Merlot 2004 The Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show – Bronze Medal
2005	Cabernet/Merlot Ltd. Release '01 Winemakers' Choice – Diamond Award Calyon Trophy Bordeaux Blend Challenge Top Ten
2003	Cabernet/Merlot Ltd. Release '01 Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show – Silver Medal
2002	Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot '01 Michelangelo International Wine Awards - Silver Medal Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot '01 South African National Wine Show Association votes Clos Malverne Cabernet/Merlot 2001 National Red Wine Champion and wins General Smuts Trophy for the South African National Overall Wine Champion.
2001	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot '99 -Veritas Silver