



Edgebaston GS Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Wine Maker: David Finlayson
Appellation: Stellenbosch
Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon
Yields per acre: 2 tons
Cases produced: 300
Filtration and fining: No fining , coarse filtration
Wood treatment: 100% New French oak
Length of barrel maturation: 18 months



UPC#: 752183280884

Alcohol: 15%
pH: 3.65
Total Acid: 5.8
Residual Sugar: 2.9
Free/Total Sulfur: 25/98

Winemaker Notes: The grapes from our GS vineyard are very small, like peas and this leads to incredible concentration when we make this , our purest and finest expression of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Simonsberg mountain, home of South Africa's best Cabernets. The grapes are destemmed but not crushed into a small open fermenter. They are punched down with handheld sticks every 4-6 hours and after 5-6 days, the wine is pressed off into the new oak barrels to complete fermentation. After MLF, the wines are sulphured and then returned to barrel for 18 months before bottling.

Tasting notes: An immensely rich, dark and structured wine with a deep black ,crimson color. The palate is redolent of cranberry, cassis and blueberry with an aroma of mocha coffee and vanilla. The palate is weighty with a ripe tannic structure giving a velvety, smooth but dense covering of the tastebuds. The fruit sweetness of true Cabernet Sauvignon flavor is all pervading in this wine and carries it through long onto the aftertaste, leaving you wanting more!

Score(s): 90 pts Vinous/Tanzer - (14.5%): Saturated ruby-red. Almost roasted, liqueur-like dark berries and exotic oak on the nose. Plush, sweet and exotic; almost over the top. This needs to burn off some of its baby fat but will it retain energy? I find the herbal aspect of the 2013 more harmonious with the wine's fruit; here it's a bit dry. Finishes with big, dusty tannins and a slightly bitter quality. This can't match the 2013 for balance.