



THE DEN

Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Coastal Region, South Africa

Technical Notes

Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were harvested from Leeuwenkuil's vineyards in the Bottelary area of Stellenbosch as well as Agter Paarl and the Swartland. Various clones were selected to add complexity and give a combination of rich berry fruit as well as traditional herbal notes to the wine. The grapes were destemmed, cold soaked for 4-6 days and then fermented with Bordeaux yeast strains in stainless steel tanks with French oak staves. Following that the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in those tanks and was settled on staves for just over 4 months. Minimal filtration and a light fining helped to ensure that the wine was not stripped of its character. 36,000 bottles were produced.

About this Wine

While Jeremy's love for all things Pinotage and Rhone is well known, he does appreciate that the world enjoys good, robust Cabs as well and his arsenal of grape suppliers are not lacking in some high quality fruit that he's lucky to work with. The den wines are social wines to be enjoyed with friends and family, named for the den, the heart of all African wild dog communities. Flavor-packed, soft and juicy wines for everyday drinking. This Cabernet was made in a softer style to fit in with this philosophy, yet is still packed with juicy blackberry fruit and toasty aromas from the use of wood. Jenny Metelerkamp, who lived with the Borgs in the bush in Botswana, produced a fine painted wolf ink drawing for the label.

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Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 13.06%
Acidity: 6.16 g/L
pH: 3.53
Residual Sugar: 3.57

- ✓ VEGAN FRIENDLY
- ✓ SUSTAINABLE
- ✗ ORGANIC
- ✗ BIODYNAMIC

Clones planted: 37, 46 (South African clones), 169 (Bordeaux clone)

Rootstock: Richter 110

Soil types: Decomposed shale, granite

Trellis system: Vertical shoot positioning

Planting distance: 2.75/3 x 1.2m

Irrigation: Drip irrigation

Average production: 7-9 tonnes per hectare

Harvest date: March

Altitude: 200m above sea level
Temperature: Hot summers with temperatures often in excess of 30C. Cool winters with plenty of sunshine year round. Rainfall: 400-770mm per annum, mostly in winter.

Tasting Notes:

Inspired by the teamwork, energy and resourcefulness of the remarkable African painted wolf, also known as African wild dog. The den is at the heart of the pack, a place where painted wolves relax and bond. This easy drinking Cabernet Sauvignon is packed with fresh blackcurrants and a touch of smoky oak, perfect to enjoy with friends, family and good food.

