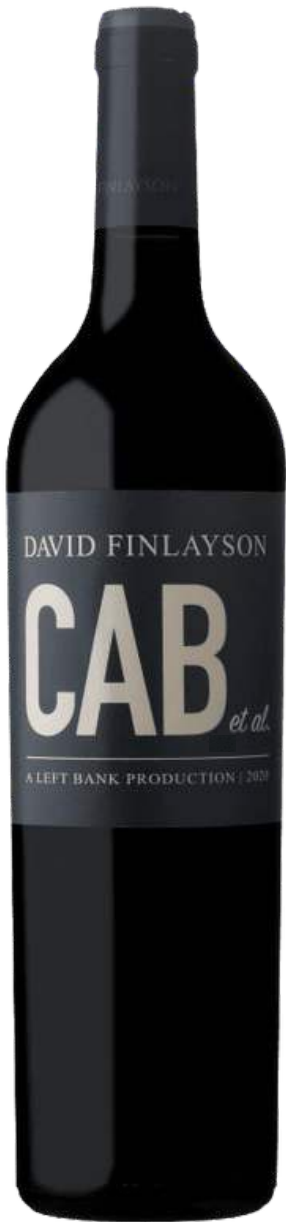


DAVID FINLAYSON



CAB et al. 2022

Western Cape, South Africa

Technical Notes

Fruit for this wine is sourced from a variety of vineyards in Stellenbosch and Paarl. The grapes are all hand-picked, then sorted through a Pellenc selective destemmer, which ensures that only the best berries go into the fermenters. This is particularly important for the Cab Sauv, Cab Franc and Merlot. Fermentation is done in stainless steel tanks of 75hl over a period of approximately 3 weeks, with 10 days maceration on the skins, post ferment. Pump overs and punch downs occur 2-3 times per day and are done gently so as to extract color but not harsh tannins. Pressing is done very gently in a bag press, to only extract the soft tannins. Maturation - 14 months in a combination of 95 % French oak and 5% American oak barrels. All wood is 2nd, 3rd and 4th fill. After the assemblage is done, the wine is fined with Vegecol, before a soft filtration and then bottling.

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About this Wine

Having worked at the world famous Chateau Margaux in his early winemaking career, David fully understands the nature of making a good Bordeaux style blend. In the CAB et al, he has changed the style from a wine that needs many years to mature to a softer, plush wine that is ready to drink at a far younger age. This wine is a blend of Stellenbosch and Paarl grapes made up from juicy Cabernet Sauvignon with a splash of rich Merlot, fruity Cabernet Franc and graphite flavored Petit Verdot to back it up and broaden the flavor spectrum. Ideal to serve with robust dishes such as lamb shank or steak hollandaise. It will also pair well with vegetarian dishes such as Biryani and vegetable curry. Perfectly suited to enjoying by a warm fireplace or watching the sun go down.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 13.41%
Acidity: 5.6 g/l
pH: 3.64
Residual sugar: 3.4 g/l

✓ **VEGAN FRIENDLY**
✓ **SUSTAINABLE**
✗ **ORGANIC**
✗ **BIODYNAMIC**

Terroir

Wine Maker: David Finlayson
Appellation: Coastal (Stellenbosch/Paarl)
Yields Per Acre: 2-3 tons Cases
Produced: 1500
Site Location: Different sights on Simonsberg North and South slopes
Plant Density: 1500-3000/acre
Assemblage: 71% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Cabernet Franc, 9% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 5% Malbec.

Scores/Reviews

91 pts The Wine Advocate

"The David Finlayson 2022 Cab et al. holds back nicely to offer balance and lots of dark fruit, but the wine is never overdone. In fact, it offers a charming and approachable personality that would cozy up nicely to a home-cooked meal. I love the fresh informality of the wine. Fruit is blended from across the Coastal Region, and 18,000 bottles were created."

90 pts James Suckling

"Raspberry puree, red cherries, vanilla and nutmeg on the nose, followed by a juicy, spicy and full-bodied palate. Supple tannins. Drink now."

