

1682

BLAAUWKLIPPEN

De Blaauwe Klip 2017 (DBK)

Cape Bordeaux Blend

Blaauwklippen Range

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

Winemaker: Narina Cloete



CULTIVARS

Cabernet Sauvignon 38% | Petit Verdot 9%
Merlot 24% | Cabernet Franc 14.5% | Malbec 14.5%

VITICULTURE

Grapes of all 5 cultivars were harvested from 9 vineyard sites on Blaauwklippen located in the Stellenbosch Golden Triangle. The soil varies from medium-high potential Tukulu to poorer Klapmuts soil. A combination of narrow (1,8m x 1.0m) and wider blocks (2,3m x 1,4m) were established. The annual yield ranges from 5 to 7 tons per hectare.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were handpicked and transported to the cellar for processing. Cultivars were separately destemmed and fermented in a combination of French oak casks and stainless-steel tanks. Remontage twice a day ensured the delicate extraction of tannins, followed by 14 to 18 days skin contact after fermentation and before pressing the grapes. Malolactic fermentation followed in oak casks and 300-liter French oak barrels. The batches were matured separately for 16 months in French oak barrels - 13% first fill - and oak casks before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTE

Dark cassis and cigar box with plum-chocolate pudding notes on the nose. The palate is vibrant with velvet tannins, a serious mid palate and excellent length.

FOOD PAIRING

This full-bodied wine will be an ideal partner to serious meat dishes.

ANALYSIS	Alc.	RS	pH	TA
	14.42%	2.9 g/l	3.58	5.20

Founded in 1682, Blaauwklippen is one of the oldest wine farms in Stellenbosch. Etched between ancient blue granite boulders on the slopes of mineral-rich mountain soils, we produce authentic wines in harmony with the simplicity of country living.

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