



# CRAVEN WINES

Stellenbosch - South Africa

## Background

Craven Wines is a winemaking collaboration between husband-and-wife team Mick and Jeanine Craven. Mick is an Aussie and Jeanine is South African; they met in California dragging hoses in Sonoma for harvest in 2007. After traveling across the world together to Australia, Europe, the States, and South America, the couple returned to South Africa in late 2011. They settled in Stellenbosch, which they feel is perfect for making site-specific, honest wines thanks to its amazing array of soils and topography. The Cravens make single-vineyard, varietal wines that focus on ripe flavors, lower alcohol, and plenty of acidity. In 2019, they made the decision to only source their fruit from organically farmed vineyards. Mick and Jeanine prefer to work with growers who use cover crops as a way to regenerate soil health and minimize the need to spray. In many ways, the Cravens are the face of new-wave South African wine in the US. Thanks to his many market visits, Mick has become known as the fun-loving, 6'6" Aussie who is one of South Africa's most notable winemakers.

## Highlights

- 1** Craven Wines, the Stellenbosch-based project of husband-wife duo Mick and Jeanine Craven, is known for its single-vineyard, varietal wines.
- 2** Thanks to Mick's many market visits, Craven Wines has largely become the face of new-wave South African wine in the US.
- 3** Vineyard site is always the star of the show thanks to the use of whole clusters, delicate extraction, low alcohol, and neutral oak aging.

## Wines



### Whites SRP \$35

The Chardonnay & Chenin are about seeking the ideal texture for the site/vintage/variety, with the lees and aging vessels playing a huge role.

### Reds SRP \$25-40

The Cab, Syrah, Cinsault, and Grenache are all about stems & whole clusters. They are fermented in stainless or concrete and aged in old oak.

### Pinot Gris SRP \$25

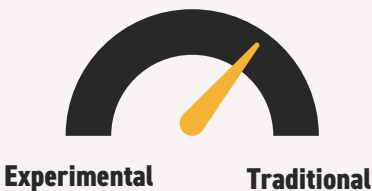
This skin contact ramato is in a league of its own!



## Ethos



## Packaging



## Press



Whether it's those stunning Polkadraai soils, their earlier picking regime or simply the skill of Jeanine and Mick in capturing the wonderful terroir of the area with their own fingerprint, this wine remains an incredibly exciting cuvee and one all self-admitted Cabernet Sauvignon obsessives should track down and try.

- Greg Sherwood MW