



Boschkloof

2019

CABERNET SAUVIGNON - MERLOT

Stellenbosch - South Africa



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon – 45% Merlot

Vineyard: Boschklouf Estate

Vine Age: Cabernet Sauvignon (36-years-old) - Merlot (25-years-old)

Soil Type: Decomposed granite over ironstone

Viticulture: Practicing Organic

Fermentation: Inoculated & native – stainless-steel tank

Skin Contact: 20 days

Aging: 18 months in 225L French barrique (20% new)

pH: 3.56

Total Acidity: 5.8 g/L

Total SO2: 65 ppm

Total Production: 1,000 cases

About

Bordeaux, Napa Valley, Margaret River, Stellenbosch... the case has been made for all four to exist in the same space when talking about great Bordeaux varieties and world-class wines. Lauren Buzzeo of Wine Enthusiast said this about Stellenbosch Cabernet, 'Think New World fruit meets Old World structure—the best of both.' Boschklouf's vineyard, being located in the well-draining granitic soils of the Polkadraai Hills is perfectly situated for textbook, classy, Bordeaux blends.

2019 might have been 'post-draught' but that didn't do any favors to yields. The vintage was the smallest harvest in quantity in nearly 15 years, yet the quality was rivaling all-time highs. There is a freshness and precision to 2019 that the 2016-2018 vintages lacked. The grapes were handpicked and fermented separately with both inoculated and native ferments. Pumpovers occurred four times per day to get gentle extraction of color, tannins and flavor. After 20 days on skins the lots were pressed off to a combination of new and used French barrique where they aged for 18 months. Post-élevage, the barrels were selected for the final blend and racked to tank where it was bottled without fining or filtration and a dose of sulfur dioxide.

Tasting Note

A full-bodied, oak matured red wine with intense deep ruby black color. Ripe plum, chocolate and complex toasty oak bouquet. A concentrated middle palate with long after-taste of blackberries and undertones of vanilla, fruit and spice.