



## Boschkloof

2020

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON - MERLOT

*Stellenbosch - South Africa*



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 78% Cabernet Sauvignon – 22% Merlot

**Vineyard:** Boschklouf Estate

**Vine Age:** 26-years-old

**Soil Type:** Decomposed granite over ironstone

**Viticulture:** Sustainable

**Fermentation:** Inoculated & native – stainless-steel tank

**Skin Contact:** 20-27 days

**Aging:** 16 months in seasoned 225L French barrique (20% second-year)

**Alcohol:** 14%

**pH:** 3.5

**Total Acidity:** 5.8 g/L

**Total SO2:** 91 ppm

**Total Production:** 1,333 cases

**UPC:** 6008409000038

### 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. 2020 growing season was highlighted by slightly larger yields than the depressed 2019, a harvest that had a two week hiatus due to the government clampdown on winemaking during the first COVID-19 lockdown and resulting wines that highlight the best of the region and grapes. Freshness but with more structure than the 2019, and a bit more ripe fruit.

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 3-4 weeks on skins the lots were pressed off to used French barriques where they aged for 16 months, with a racking and small sulfur addition around the 10 month mark. 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 perfumed oak bouquet. A concentrated mid-palate with long after-taste of blackberries and undertones of spice. Impressive complexity and ageability for a wine at this price!