

CARLSDALE

Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2022

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

The wine has a deep purple center with a red rim, indicating its age. Despite having spent two years in the bottle, it shows no signs of aging. It presents abundant notes of red berries, raspberry, and black currant with hints of mint notes. Additionally, cinnamon spices along with some leather notes are also discernible. Its extended aftertaste reveals nuances of chocolate and vanilla. Furthermore, the wine is well-balanced with good acidity.

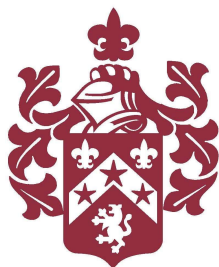
FOOD PARTNERS

This wine pairs well with a venison steak, braised lamb shank, pizza, pulled pork or cheeseburgers, and some mature cheddar.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol : 13.56 %
Sugar : 3.1 g/l
Total Acid : 5.4 g/l
pH : 3.60





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Cultivar:	70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot
Age of the vines:	The Cabernet Sauvignon was planted in 2000, and the Merlot in 2000 & 2005
Harvest conditions:	In conjunction with ideal winter conditions, water availability laid the foundation for an exceptional season despite challenges due to fungal pressure and cool, wet weather during summer months.
Range:	Premium
Owners:	Mervyn Carelse, Estelle Carelse & Godwin Carelse
Wine of origin:	Western Cape
Vinification:	The grapes were harvested at full phenological ripeness. In the cool early hours of the day the grapes were transported to the winery where they were crushed, destemmed and pumped into a red wine fermenter. During fermentation, regular pump-overs were carried out to ensure skins remained in direct contact with the wine and to extract the necessary tannins for a longevity in the bottle. After fermentation and malolactic fermentation (MLF), the skins were pressed, and the resulting wine was transferred to 2 nd filled French barrels for 12 months, after which the wine was bottled.
Ageing ability:	This wine can be enjoyed now, or it can be stored for another 5 years.
Awards	Vitis Vinifera Awards 2023 - Gold Gilbert & Gaillard Award 2023 - Gold