

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015

MARIANNE WINE ESTATE

Winemakers: Jos Van Wyk (SA), Thierry Haberer (FR)

Viticulturist: Andri Hanekom

Wine of Origin: Simonsberg-Paarl

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon 86%, Shiraz 14%

Analysis: Alc. 13.5% | Residual Sugar 2,7 g/l | Extract 33,3g/l | Acidity 5,5 g/l | pH 3.7

WINEMAKING

The grapes were handpicked at phenolic ripeness and stored at 10°C to ensure the finest flavour and freshness. Upon crushing, a temperature of 10°C was maintained and both skins and juice were left in contact in French oak tanks for 10 days. Varying from stainless steel, this approach provides improved colour and tannin stability.

Upon fermentation, flavour and colour is allowed to develop for a period of 4 weeks before the wine is transferred to 40% new French oak barrels for 16-22 months. The use of new French oak allows the wine to retain certain flavours and extract tannin from the oak, resulting in a fuller mid pallet. By using only 40% new oak, the fruits within the wine are respected ensuring the wine is complex yet settled with great ageing potential.

TASTING NOTES

Vintage: There are many factors that made 2015 such a majestic vintage. It offers the most exceptional quality, purity and vivid expressions of grape and terroir thanks to mild daytime temperatures and cooler evenings, combined with consistent winds during the growing season.

Winemaker's comments: Delicate sweet spices with cinnamon, vanilla, cloves and white pepper combined with black cherry and blackberry on the nose. The palate develops slight notes of chocolate and intense black fruits nicely enveloped by silky tannins.

Food Pairing: We recommend our Cabernet Sauvignon alongside red meat served medium/rare.

ABOUT MARIANNE

Our Property. Est. 2004, the Marianne Estate is a 36-hectare boutique wine estate located on the foothills of the Simonsberg Mountain. The estate features 25 hectares of vineyards, Tasting Room & Cellars, Luxury Accommodation and the Floreal Brasserie.

A Tradition of Winemaking. Christian Dauriac, the proprietor of the Marianne Estate, has been making wine in Bordeaux for over 30 years. He currently owns three Chateaux in Bordeaux: *Destieux* (Grand Cru Classe of Saint-Emilion), *Montlisse* (Grand Cru) and *La Clemence* (Pomerol). Christian regularly brings in specialists from France to lend expertise with the winemaking and viticulture.

Terroir. Climate, soil, altitude and slope orientation are essential elements required in capturing as much varietal character as possible. The climate is mild to warm with southern winds, ensuring grapes are cooled to optimum temperature for maximum character and flavour. Soils are predominantly medium textured and an average annual rainfall of 800 mm ensures minimal irrigation.

