

EXCELSIOR



Evanthius Cabernet Sauvignon 2012



This Cabernet Sauvignon pays homage to Evanthius, a Hackney horse that was imported by Excelsior in 1913. This Hackney sire was a champion in Britain and America, winning first prize four times at the London Hackney show and in New York, in the days when the Hackney was the king of the world. He went on to win many titles in South Africa, including that of Rosebank's Champion Stallion.

This Cabernet comes from the oldest vines on the farm. They were planted in 1988 in the best calcareous soils. This vineyard is farmed like a bush vine with no trellising wires and no tucking in of shoots. This ensures lots of sun exposure to enable ripening.

In The Cellar

This wine was hand harvested and fermented for 7 days on the skin. This was followed 20 months of ageing in small oak barrels of which 50% were new. Only the best barrels were selected for the final wine. 600 cases of this wine were produced.

Vintage Conditions

The weather of the 2012 vintage was ideal for ripening a perfect crop. The winter was cold and wet, and the spring and summer dry and mild. Absolutely zero disease was experienced, and harvest was carried out when the grapes were perfectly ripe.

Blend

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Analysis

*Alcohol 14%
Acidity 5.6g/l
pH 3.47
Residual Sugar 3.2g/l*

Winemaker's notes

Deep ruby red colour with a black core. This wine is full-bodied with aromas of blackcurrants, chocolate and cedar. The wine has rich, but soft tannins and a long finish.

Food pairing by in-house chef

Kudu steak pan fried with grapeseed oil and lemon.

