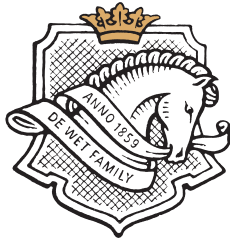


EXCELSIOR WINE ESTATE



CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Cabernet Sauvignon is the most planted variety on the Estate making up 43% of all plantings. The soil is mainly limestone based, although a small portion comes from shale. The goal of the wine is to make wine that shows lots of fruit flavours, as well as soft tannins, whilst maintaining a good structure. This is achieved using very strict canopy management to prevent shaded fruit and harvesting at optimal ripeness. The grapes are harvested by hand for greater quality control. The wines are immediately destemmed but not crushed. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks for a period of 7 days at a temperature of between 28 and 32° Celsius. Aerated racking was done twice daily to ensure a clean ferment and soft tannins. The grapes are gently pressed in a bladder press, after which malo-lactic fermentation is completed in the tank.

AGING

40 % of the total wine was aged in a mixture of French and American oak for a period of 9-months, whilst the remaining wine was tank aged. All terroir units were aged separately and then combined at blending.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

2020 was back to normal after three consecutive drought vintages. The spring was marked by a very unusual early heat wave followed by intense cold resulting in frost damage and a reduced crop. The rest of the summer was dry and windy. The grapes were very healthy, and the wines show great concentration and varietal character.

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon 93%, Petit Verdot 7%

ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.2%

Acidity 5.7g/l

pH 3.54

Residual Sugar 2.5g

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon displays ripe blackcurrant, and dried herb characters on the nose, which are backed up with some spicy oak notes. The palate is smooth and soft, with beautiful ripe tannins and a long finish.

FOOD PAIRING BY IN-HOUSE CHEF

With the blackcurrant and dried herb character it's a spot-on choice to pare a juicy medium sirloin steak.



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