



Cabernet Sauvignon

2017

The Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 is, true to Eikendal's signature style, sophisticated and full-bodied. Whiffs of ripe berries, dark chocolate, spices and pencil shavings greet you on the nose. On the palate, silky tannins await, complemented by a fruitiness and delicate oak flavours with a lingering aftertaste.

Cultivar:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards:

The Stellenbosch vineyards were planted in 2003 in "Koffieklip" ("Coffee Stone") soil with a clay layer 1m deep on the lower, western slopes of the Helderberg. With a maritime microclimate, the winters are wet and cold, and in summer the heat is tempered by a cool and fresh breeze from the Atlantic Ocean in False Bay.

Vitification:

The vineyards (Cabernet Sauvignon Clones 163 and 46) were planted in an east-west row direction. The planting is 1.2m x 2.4m in vertical shoot positioning with spur pruning. The canopy height is approximately 1.4m with vines approximately 40cm off the ground. Irrigation is done via leaf water potential, determined by a pressure chamber. Sugar loading and berry aromatic sequence are used to determine picking dates.

Vinification:

The grapes were hand-picked and cooled down to 1°C before entering the cellar where it was destemmed and not crushed. Ten to fifteen days of cold soaking followed before spontaneous fermentation with one or two punch downs per day. A long, slow fermentation at $\pm 34^{\circ}\text{C}$ followed with soft pressing. The wine settled for one to two weeks before going to barrel. The wine was then aged for 12 months in 300l 30% new Burgundian Pierre du Bourgogne oak barrels. The wine was oaked six months less than usual but spent six months more in bottle.

Wine:

Sugar: 2.2 g/l; Total acid: 5.4 g/l; pH: 3.55; Alcohol: 13.5% vol.

Maturation: Up to 20 years if cellared correctly

Serving suggestion: 18°C-20°C. Pair with Roasted Vegetable Tarts, Beef Short Ribs

Awards & Accolades:

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Cellar Master:

Nico Grobler



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