



CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2020

VINEYARDS

Fruit from a 11-year-old vineyard planted on deep granitic soils in Firgrove, Stellenbosch. Located between Somerset West and Stellenbosch, Firgrove's terroir is defined by its proximity to the Atlantic and its ancient geological history. Just 6km from False Bay, the vineyards benefit from cooling ocean breezes and winds that naturally limit vine vigour, leading to small, concentrated berries with deep flavour. The unique soil structure consists of a well-drained granite gravel top layer over a porous "coffeestone" (laterite) middle. Beneath this lies saprolite (decomposed granite), which acts as a "water bank," allowing roots to dig deep for moisture and nutrients during the dry season. This combination ensures slow ripening and produces wines with excellent structure.

VINTAGE 2020

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon harvest in the Firgrove area of Stellenbosch was characterized by a favourable, moderate growing season that yielded healthy, high-quality grapes following a 15% increase in crop size compared to 2019. The maritime-influenced, wind-swept area, known for its decomposed granite and sandstone soils, produced wines with concentrated flavours, vibrant acidity, and elegant, firm tannins.

The 2020 vintage in Firgrove is considered an excellent year for Cabernet Sauvignon, offering balanced wines with both high quality and good maturation potential.

FERMENTATION & MATURATION

Hand harvested. Fermented in open top oak fermenters with a combination of 3 punch downs or pump overs per day. Matured in 1st (100%) 300 li French oak barrels for 24 months.

TASTING NOTE

A serious wine with all the hallmarks of an extraordinary Cabernet. The nose features alluring nuances of concentrated red and black fruit, tilled earth and cedar wood combined with oak spice, while the palate shows intensity and depth underscored by chalky ripe tannins and a savoury finish. Rich and full bodied yet expertly balanced with superb purity and focus.

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignons from this region are known for their deep dark ruby color, classic cassis and dark berry aromas, and a full-bodied but refined structure.

ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.82 % | RS: 2.4 g/li | TA: 6.30 g/l | pH: 3.40 | VA: 0.65

AWARDS

Platter 5 star (96 points)

