



JOURNEY'S END
V5 Cabernet Franc
2021

Background: The Varietal Series is a selection of exceptional estate wines that deliver the expression of our vineyard and what we do at Journey's End, while exploring how different varieties thrive in our unique coastal terroir.

Blend Composition: 100% Cabernet Franc

Origin: W.O. Stellenbosch

In the Vineyard: Cabernet Franc grapes were hand-picked from a single block lying 180m above sea level on Tukulu dominant soils with a high decomposed granite content. Methodical leaf removal is practiced around the grape bunches to expose the grapes to the sun, preventing the eventual wine from developing excessive green characteristics.

The vineyard block rests 280m above sea level, 7 km from the ocean. The soil type is predominantly Tukulu.

In the Cellar: The grapes were processed immediately after picking early in the morning, they were hand sorted and destemmed before filling the 5000L truncated open top casks for fermentation. Fermentation in these vessels tends to finish quickly - lasting 10-15 days between 18 – 26°C. During fermentation, suspended dry skins are gently punched back into the ferment to ensure gentle tannin extraction. The wine is then pressed off the skins and undergoes malolactic fermentation as well as a 14-month barrel maturation period in second fill French oak.

Analysis: Alc: 14% | pH: 3.53 | TA: 5.64 g/l | RS: 3.3 g/l



Tasting Notes: This wine displays intense ripe cherry, savoury olive and wild fynbos characters on the nose rounded up by a sweet cinnamon spice from generous oak maturation. Great balance is exhibited on the palate with coastal freshness, Mediterranean minerality and soft powdery tannins with a lengthy finish. Best drunk now and until 2031.

Planting Date: 2001 | **Irrigation:** Drip Irrigation | **Aspect:** South facing | **Trellis System:** Extended Perold
Rootstock: Richter 110 | **HA Planted:** 2.43 | **Harvest Dates:** March 2021

Maturation: Best enjoyed now, but will gracefully age and reward cellaring for up to 6 years.

Awards:

2023 – Platter Guide, 4.5 stars

2024 – Cabernet Franc Challenge, Gold Medal (Top 6)

2024 – Michelangelo Awards, Double Gold



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