

STONE TOWN CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2016

Wine of Origin Coastal Region

Stone Town brims with a magical jumble of life, with flavours sailing out from the cobbled alleyways to bustling bazaars selling spices and roasted coffee. Inspired by this rich, fragrant culture, our voyage for the most elegant and flavourful maritime grape varieties has transported us to the cooler regions of the Cape. While the Merlot enjoys the crisp Atlantic breeze just a few kilometres from the coast, the Cabernet Sauvignon thrives along the lush mountainous slopes.

Together, this blend of classic varieties delivers a deep, rich wine that is wonderfully aromatic and a strikingly fresh expression of these cultivars. Pairs beautifully with everyday moments.

IN THE VINEYARD:

The Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot is grown in the misty, rolling hills outside Darling, on the Cape West coast. The Darling area has the Atlantic ocean breeze that helps to create a cooler climate that allow for longer ripening periods, ideal for both these varieties.

HARVEST DATE:

March 2016

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were machine harvested early in the morning and delivered to the cellar, where they were destemmed and gently crushed into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Pump overs were done regularly during fermentation, after which the wines were pressed off the skins and racked into French oak barrel for malolactic fermentation. The wine was matured for 14 months in French oak barrels, 25% being new oak. The best barrels were selected and blended prior to a light filtration and bottling.

TASTING NOTE:

Black berry, plum and mocha on the nose with a firm tannin structure and red fruit flavours on the palate.



Wine of Origin	Coastal
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual sugar	4.1 g/l
Total acid	5.8g/l
pH	3.50
Varieties	
Cabernet Sauvignon	60%
Merlot	40%

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