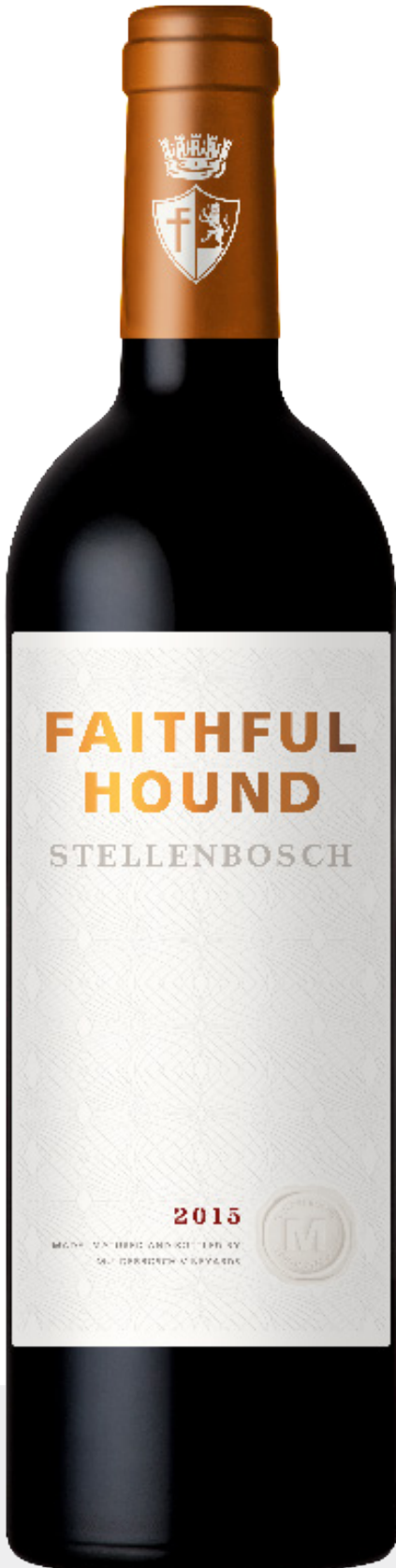




## MULDERBOSCH FAITHFUL HOUND



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>REGION</b>	Stellenbosch
<b>VARIETIES</b>	32% Cabernet Franc 31% Cabernet Sauvignon 21% Merlot 9% Petit Verdot 7% Malbec
<b>BARREL AGEING</b>	30% in new french oak barriques, remainder in 2nd and 3rd fill french oak barriques.
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	Residual Sugar 2.4 g/l pH 3.63 Alcohol 14.5% Total Acid 5.5 g/l Free SO <sub>2</sub> 6 mg/l Total SO <sub>2</sub> 72 mg/l
<b>METHOD</b>	After rigorous selection of all five Bordeaux varieties from some of the finest vineyards in the Cape, we have the option of sorting grapes on arrival before destemming begins. The fermentation process is initiated by naturally occurring yeast, and finished by a selected strain, added during the course of fermentation. Gentle extraction and long maceration time are the hallmarks of the winemaking style, followed by barrel maturation.
<b>TASTING NOTES</b>	The 2015 vintage needs no introduction having been widely hailed as one of the best in living memory. The wine has a deep, brooding colour with a dark core and a deep mahogany rim. The first nose greets with ripe brambles, touches of cassis and subtle oak-spice. It is generous and inviting, but there's also a subtle nod to classic restraint in aromas of leafy tobacco and freshly turned earth. With each sip, richly textured flavours of Christmas pudding and ripe plums course the palate. Offset by sweetly infused Jamon-Iberico notes this is a layered and complex wine, unveiling successive waves of flavour as it evolves. Robust enough to be enjoyed on its own, or as an accompaniment to a fine cigar, the 2015 Faithful Hound will reward pairing with venison dishes and rustic fare.
<b>ACCOLADES</b>	2015 Vintage 92/100 Tim Atkin Report 2017 (UK) 2014 Vintage 92/100 Stephen Tanzer 2013 Vintage ★★★★★ Platter's SA Wines 2012 Vintage ★★★★★☆ Platter's SA Wines 2011 Vintage Top 100 Wine Spectator List (USA)