



DIEMERSDAL

Diemersdal The Journal Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

. The Journal represents the ultimate expression of Diemersdal terroir, the farm where six generations of the Louw family have been cultivating grapes for the making of fine wines. The Journal implies the continuous, the living and the evolving. It ensures the events of time are captured and recorded as momenta - reminders of generations past and a reference for generations to come. The supreme quality of this range and the craftsmanship with which The Journal wines are made, these are the result of Diemersdal's tradition and its previous generations of wine farmers.



Origin: Durbanville; South Africa

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Analysis:

Alc:	14.39%
Total Acid:	6.0 g/l
RS:	2.8 g/l
pH:	3.47

Viticulture:

Yield:	7-9 t/ha
Trellising:	4 wire Perold
Age of vines:	17-28 years

Terroir:

The vines are rooted in deep red Hutton soils on north-facing slopes, catching the southerly breezes of summer and the frontal winds that punish the Cape from the north in winter. Cool growing conditions on exposed aspects, as well as the practise of dryland farming, sees the fruit develop slowly, drawing maximum variety expression on the vine. The result is tight bunches of small berries, ideal for making wines of structure, elegance and refinement.

Oenology:

The grapes were harvested at optimum ripeness and fermented in wooden open-fermenters for 5-7 days at 24°C-28°C. Punch-downs every 4 hours, fermented dry on skins. MLF completed spontaneously in tanks before the wine was racked into 225L French Oak Barrels.

Maturation:

22 months oak maturation in 100% first fill 225L French oak barrels.

Winemaker's notes:

After 22 months of aging, a barrel selection of Cabernet Sauvignon was made by the 6th generation winemaker. Typical blackberries, cedar and cigar box flavours with hints of spiciness. Blackcurrant follows through onto the palate with firm ripe tannins and a delicate finish.

Food suggestions:

Classic "old-world" dishes such as roast lamb with fresh garden vegetables.