



BIG EASY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

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THE 2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 harvest season will be remembered as the drought season. We have been working hard to adapt our viticultural techniques during the past 3 years to help the vineyards cope optimally with the heat and limited irrigation. The drought was further buffered by a surprisingly cooler season and the vines were able to produce smaller bunches with smaller grapes. This resulted in wines that appear to have great vintage specific concentration and elegance.

VITICULTURE

Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from the Helderberg region within the Stellenbosch appellation. Selected pockets of Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from different coastal regions, such as Paarl and Robertson to compliment the style. The Cinsault grapes were sourced from a specific vineyard site planted with 26-year-old dryland bush vines in the Perdeberg region.

VINICULTURE

The grapes were hand-harvested in the cool of the early morning. On the sorting table, all excess stalks and inferior berries were removed. Fermentation took place in 7-ton open-top stainless steel tanks and the wines were pumped over or punched down manually 3 to 5 times per day, ensuring maximum colour extraction from the skins. Each variety is matured separately in oak barrels before final blending and eventual bottling.

TASTING NOTES

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TECHNICAL DATA

Cabernet Sauvignon 85% and Cinsault 15%
 Alc 14.21% by Vol. – R.S. 3.6 g/l – T.A. 6.2 g/l – pH 3.62
 Aged in second and third fill French Oak barrels

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION		CASE QTY	CURRENT VINTAGE	ALCOHOL %	
Ernie Els Big Easy Cabernet Sauvignon		6 bottles	2018	14,0	
BOTTLE	BOTTLE SIZE	UPC BOTTLE BARCODE		BOTTLE DIMENSIONS (Height x Diameter Weight)	
	750 ml	6009880029006		308 mm (h) x 74.1 mm (d) 410 g	
CASE	CASE DIMENSIONS (Height x Length x Width)	SCC CASE BARCODE	CASE WEIGHT	NUMBER OF 6 x 750ml CASES PER LAYER	NUMBER OF LAYERS PER PALLET
	315 mm x 233 mm x 156 mm	6009880029013	7.3 Kg	28	4