

# GRANGER BAY

CAPE TOWN · SOUTH AFRICA

## GRANGER BAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2018



Looking across from Granger Bay in Cape Town you can see the slopes of Diemersdal, the home of Thys Louw, the 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Owner and Winemaker of this historic family wine estate in Durbanville in the Western Cape of South Africa.

**Origin:** Coastal Region; South Africa

**Analysis:** Alc: 14.24 %  
RS: 2.0g/l  
TA: 6.2g/l  
pH: 3.52

**Blend:** 80% Cabernet Sauvignon 20% Merlot

**Terroir:**

Slope: North Facing Slope  
Soil: Deep red Hutton  
Climate: Moderate with cooling sea breezes from the Atlantic Ocean.

**Viticulture:**

Trellising: 4-wire Perold  
Age of vines: 13-31 years  
Irrigation: Dry land conditions  
Yield: 10-12 t/ha

**Oenology:**

The grapes were harvested at optimum ripeness. Fermentation took place in both open-fermenters and closed-fermenters. Punch-downs and pump-overs every 3-4 hours controlled 25-28°C. Post fermentation maturation on the skins for 2 weeks MLF taking place in tanks before the wine was racked into 225L French oak barrels.

**Maturation:**

Oak maturation

**Winemaker's notes:**

The nose shows spiciness and red cherries with dark chocolate complexity. The palate has excellent fruit weight complemented by blackcurrant and spice. The complexity of the wine integrates seamlessly with the oak maturation making this a very well-balanced wine. Fine tannins provide added complexity to the lingering finish.

**Food suggestions:**

An ideal wine for all barbeque dishes as well as roast pork and spicy chicken kebabs.