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## Cabernet sauvignon

VINTAGE: 2016

AVERAGE SUMMER TEMP: 18.1 °C

RAINFALL: 347mm

HARVESTING BEGAN: 22/02/2016

HARVESTING ENDED: 03/03/2016

ORIGIN OF FRUIT: Darling and Paarl

SOIL TYPE: Decomposed granite

YIELD: 10t/ha

**VINTAGE NOTES:** These grapes are specially selected primarily from the Groenekloof ward in the Darling area. This area is unique for its warm days and cool nights. This aspect, together with the deep red soils, is beautifully expressed in the wine as a mix between dark- and red fruit flavours with good concentration and a soft, juicy tannin structure.

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes are picked by hand in the early morning hours, to ensure that the flavours stay intact. Grapes are then transported to the cellar and transferred into 10 000L stainless steel tanks. This is followed by alcoholic fermentation. After fermentation the wine is drained from the skins and the skins are pressed. The free run wine and the press wine are matured in 2nd- and 3rd fill 225L and 500L French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks for approximately 12 months.

**TASTING NOTES:** Soft black berry fruit and forest floor aromas with subtle brush of spice. Texture rule the roost: rounded, soft and gentle in the mouth. Ripe, subtle and easy with ample plum-, black berry fruit-, cherry- and spice flavours. Harmonious with lovely marriage of oak and fruit – nothing dominates. Eminently drinkable with a long, rewarding finish.

