

Stellenbosch

R E S E R V E

Polkadraai

NORTH EAST ASPECT

Cabernet Sauvignon

Red fruit, powerful body and grainy tannin for added structure.

Devonvalley

SOUTH WEST ASPECT

Merlot

Red fruits, crunchy tannins, and fresh acidity to add expressive fruit.

Simonsberg

SOUTH WEST ASPECT

Cab Sauv & Cab Franc

Black and blue fruits, juicy body and rich finish for added fruit and finesse.

Helderberg

NORTH ASPECT

Cab Sauv, PV & Malbec

Dark fruits, grainy tannins, herbs & dense structure for a powerful body.



Vanderstel 2021

68% Cabernet Sauvignon | 19% Merlot | 5% Malbec | 4% Petit Verdot | 4% Cabernet Franc

WINE OF ORIGIN STELLENBOSCH

The Man:

The governor of the Cape, Simon van der Stel, founded and gave his name to our hometown. A remarkable man who is also considered the father of our country's wine heritage, we felt it fitting to name our Bordeaux style blend after him. The blend, made up of five varieties from various sites across Stellenbosch, represents a quintessential Stellenbosch red wine.

The Vintage:

The 2021 vintage followed a cool, wet winter, where regular cold fronts replenished water reserves to pre-drought levels. Moderate temperatures throughout the growing and ripening seasons meant that grapes ripened slowly, retaining acidity while phenolics developed fully. The wines of the 2021 vintage show good promise, with high natural acidity and a good concentration of fruit flavours, indicating quality wines with good aging potential.

Winemaker's Notes:

Varieties and parcels were vinified separately. Fermentation was completed in open-top stainless-steel fermenters. Primary fermentation took 7 days during which punch-downs and pump-overs were performed 4 times daily. After this the wine was macerated on the skins for 14 days to ensure balanced extraction of phenolics. The wine was matured in 300L French oak barrels for 12 months.

Tasting Notes:

Rich black fruit is prominent on the nose, showing cassis and Black Forest Gateaux with sweet baking spices and walnuts. Concentrated black fruit follows through on the palate, where notes of cedar, cinnamon and cloves add complexity. The fruit sweetness balances the grippy tannins that provide structure to this Cabernet-driven blend.



Alcohol.....13,95%
Acidity.....5,9g/l
RS.....1,8g/l
pH.....3,58

