

CAPENSIS SILENE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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HERITAGE

As the introductory duo to Capensis, Silene is dedicated to capturing the essence of Stellenbosch through Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. One of the oldest wine regions in South Africa, Stellenbosch is a place of ancient soils, where ocean winds sweep across vineyards that drape dramatic mountainscapes. Winemaker Graham Weerts has carefully selected the finest Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards in the region to create wines that pulse with an energy of place.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Stellenbosch's 2022/2023 season began with mild and dry conditions which had a crucial impact on grape quality and quantity. A series of rainstorms in late February through March, combined with cool temperatures, created challenges for producers, requiring careful harvest decisions. Many late ripening cultivars, especially Cabernet Sauvignon, saw reduced yields across Stellenbosch due to issues with berry development, though the dry summer helped sustain quality with smaller berry sizes.

WINE NOTES

Blueberries and cassis confidently lead the flavor profile, with black olive tapenade weaving in a touch of savory complexity. The wine reveals a concentrated core, enveloped by layers of deep, velvety dark fruits, accented by subtle dark chocolate notes and the alluring fragrance of a well-worn cigar box. The fine-grained tannins impart a soft and smooth texture, leaving a wonderfully mouth-coating finish that lingers on the palate.

VARIETY

85% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Merlot
6% Cabernet Franc

REGION

Stellenbosch
Western Cape, South Africa

VINEYARDS

54% Stellenzicht
31% Helderkruin
9% Eikendal
6% Nooitgedacht

AGING

14 months in French oak
30% new

ALCOHOL

14.5%

PH

3.86

TA

5.4

RS

1.7

