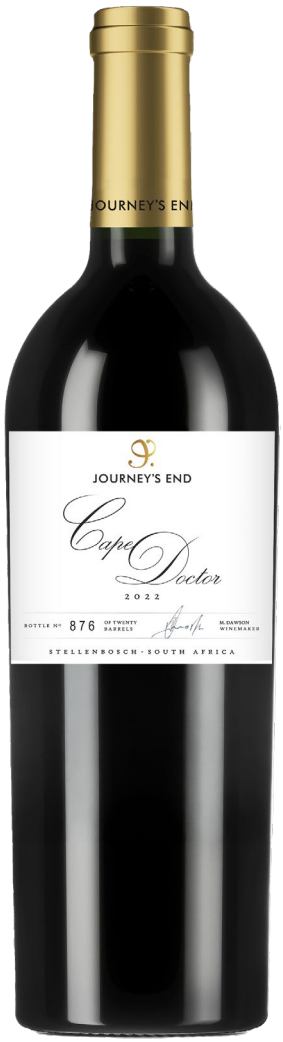
JOURNEY'S END

Cape Doctor 2022

Background: The Cape Doctor is the local name for the strong south-eastern wind that blows from False Bay and funnels through to Cape Town. Journey's End's Bordeaux blend is named in honour of this local wind and is pivotal to the unique character of the wine.



Blend Composition: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 15% Malbec, 9% Cabernet Franc, 9% Petit Verdot

Origin: W.O. Stellenbosch

In the Vineyard: The grapes are handpicked from five blocks on the farm resting on south facings slopes with a proximity to the ocean that guarantees fresh natural acidity and mineral salinity. These vineyard blocks are protected from the powerful Cape Doctor wind by a Eucalyptus forest.

The vineyards are situated 200m above sea level, and just 7km from the ocean, with soil types of Tukulu and Oakleaf.

In the Cellar: The grapes from each block were picked and treated separately utilizing both stainless steel tanks as well as 5000L truncated open top casks. Each was cold-soaked for four days prior to fermentation.

After fermentation, the Cabernet Sauvignon component underwent a two-week post fermentation maceration, to ensure a solid tannic structure before a 22-month barrel aging period. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot components are matured in 100% new French oak, while the other varietals were matured in second fill French oak. Only the best barrels of each component were selected for the Bordeaux blend.

Analysis: Alc: 14.5% | pH: 3.59 | TA: 5.5 g/l | RS: 3.3 g/l

Tasting Notes: This wine exhibits fruits on the darker side of the spectrum with cassis and rich fruitcake on the nose accompanied by cinnamon spice and dark chocolate from generous oak aging. Concentrated dark berries are complimented by a creamy texture with soft elegant tannins delivering a beautiful long-lasting finish.

Planting Date: 2012- | **Irrigation**: Drip Irrigation | **Aspect**: South facing | **Trellis System:** Extended Perold
Rootstock: Richter 110 | **HA Planted**: 5.5 | **Harvest Dates:** March 2021

Maturation: Enjoy now or age gracefully for up to ten years+.

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