SARONSBERG

Seismic 2024

Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Merlot 11%, Malbec 8%, Petit Verdot 9%, Cabernet Franc 12%

The Saronsberg Seismic 2024 has a deep ruby hue with a vibrant bouquet of cassis, red currant, and plum, subtly complemented by hints of cedar and tobacco leaf. The palate delivers a seamless fusion of ripe black fruit, earthy undertones, and integrated oak, supported by fine-grained tannins. A full-bodied wine with remarkable balance and a refined, lingering finish.



Vinification

The grapes were hand-harvested in the cool early morning and immediately cooled to 4°C to preserve freshness. Following a meticulous sorting process, the berries were destemmed and gently crushed. Fermentation was conducted in a combination of open and closed fermenters with extended skin contact tailored to each varietal.
A cold soak of 3–5 days at 8°C preceded fermentation, initiated with selected yeast strains. The must was punched down and pumped over daily to enhance color and tannin extraction. After fermentation, the wines were pressed into French oak barrels (38% new, 62% second-fill) for malolactic fermentation. Following this, the wine aged for a total of 20 months, with minimal intervention, to allow the development of complexity and integration.

Ageing Potential

The Saronsberg Seismic 2024 is crafted for longevity and will continue to evolve for 8–12 years under proper cellaring conditions. Over time, expect the tannins to soften further, revealing additional layers of complexity and a more profound integration of flavors.

Analysis

Alcohol:	14.59 vol %
Total acid:	6.0 g/l
pH:	3.51
Residual sugar:	3.1 g/l
Volatile acidity:	0.63 g/l
Free sulphur:	23 mg/l
Total sulphur:	102 mg/l

Awards

2024 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Mundus Vini: Winner Top SA Red

2023 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Platter Wine Guide: 4.5 Stars

2022 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Concours Mondial: Gold
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Platinum

2021 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Double Gold
- Decanter World Awards: 91 Points
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold
- Platter Wine Guide: 4.5 Stars

2020 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- International Wine Challenge: Gold

2019 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Double Gold
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Gold

2018 Vintage

- Decanter Awards: 96 Points
- Concours Mondial: Grand Gold
- National Wine Challenge: Top 100

2017 Vintage

- Veritas: Gold
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Gilbert and Gaillard: Gold
- Michelangelo Wine Awards: Double Gold

2016 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Decanter World Wine Awards: 90 Points
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 90 Points
- International Wine and Spirits Challenge: 92 Points
- Gilbert and Gaillard: Gold Medal

2015 Vintage

- Veritas: Gold
- Concourse Mondial Bruxelles: Gold
- National Wine Challenge: Double Gold
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Decanter World Wine Awards: 90 Points
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 92 Points

2014 Vintage (*Marketed under the name 'Seismic Rooi'*)

- National Wine Challenge: Double Gold
- International Wine Challenge 2017: Gold
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Tim Atkin South Africa Report: 92 Points

2013 Vintage (*Marketed under the name 'Seismic Rooi'*)

- National Wine Challenge 2016: Double Gold
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Tim Atkin South Africa Report 2016: 90 Points
- International Wine And Spirits Challenge: Gold

2012 Vintage (*Marketed under the name 'Seismic Rooi'*)

- National Wine Challenge 2016: Double Gold
- Tim Atkin South Africa Report 2015: 90 Points
- Michelangelo Awards 2015: Double Gold
- Veritas: Double Gold

2009 Vintage

- Michelangelo Awards 2014: Gold
- Veritas 2015: Gold

2008 Vintage

- Hong Kong International Wine and Spirits Challenge: Trophy Winner
- Decanter Asia: Regional Trophy

2007 Vintage

- Veritas: Gold
- International Wine and Spirits Challenge: Gold

2006 Vintage

- Michelangelo Awards: Gold
- Santam Classic Wine Trophy: Gold
- International Wine and Spirits Challenge: Gold

2005 Vintage

- Santam Classic Wine Trophy: Gold
- Winemakers' Choice Awards: Diamond

2004 Vintage

- Michelangelo Awards 2007: Gold
- Veritas: Double Gold
- Michelangelo Awards 2006: Gold
- Swiss International Airlines: Gold