

# 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 and dense structure for a powerful body.



## Vanderstel 2022

70% Cabernet Sauvignon | 20% Merlot | 6% Malbec | 2% Petit Verdot | 2% 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:

Ideal winter conditions provided substantial rainfall to supplement water reserves, with good cold units throughout the winter months of 2021. Bud-break was slightly later than usual due to the cold winter. Rainfall in the spring was also good for our vineyards during the critical times of flowering and crop set. A warm January in 2022 with a few heat waves was good for ripening, especially the red varieties. Relatively dry summer months allowed for grapes to reach full phenolic ripeness, with a long hang-time for flavour development.

### 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:

Deep ruby with an intriguing bouquet of concentrated cassis and blueberry with notes of tobacco leaf, baking spices and mocha. Complexity follows through onto the palate with layers of intense blackberry, cassis, black pepper and allspice, supported by structured, chalky tannins and well-integrated acidity.



Alcohol .....	14.00%
Acidity .....	5.7g/l
RS .....	2.2g/l
pH .....	3.62

