

THE MENTORS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

LIMITED EDITION 2022

WINE OF ORIGIN: Stellenbosch
COMPONENTS: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
VINEYARDS: 100% Stellenbosch



WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.88 % vol | pH: 3.44
Total acidity: 6 g/l | Residual sugar: 2.6 g/l

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VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The lead-up to harvest was marked by a textbook Cape winter, bringing ample cold unit accumulation with sustained rainfall that replenished subsoil water reserves and flush residual salts after years of drought. An extended winter delayed budbreak which was even and consistent. Spring conditions stayed cool with frequent rainfall events that added disease pressure, compressing canopy work schedules like shoot thinning, wire lifting, and leaf breaking. Summer remained mild into January, delaying the start of harvest. The 2022 vintage was defined by alternating warm and cool spells, punctuated by occasional rainfall - a season that demanded precision in picking decisions and pH management in the cellar.

Yield: 8 tons/ha

WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested at optimal ripeness and hand-sorted in the cellar to ensure top-quality fruit for fermentation. Following a two-day cold maceration to enhance colour and aroma extraction, the juice was inoculated with a selected yeast strain. Alcoholic fermentation lasted nine days, during which the wine was pumped over every four hours. After pressing and settling, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel. It was then racked, lightly clarified, and returned to barrel for further maturation. After 12 months, a strict selection process identified the finest components for an additional six-month maturation period. During its 18-month maturation period, the wine was racked only twice, a Cabernet Sauvignon representing the best of the best.

BARREL MATURATION & BOTTLING

Matured for 18 months in 100% new French oak, only 1,000 bottles of this limited-release wine was bottled in November 2023.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

This wine embodies KWV's unwavering pursuit of excellence. Sourced from a 2.56-hectare vineyard that has delivered outstanding fruit for over a decade, the wine is full-bodied and expressive, bursting with notes of blackcurrant, black cherry, and plum, accented by hints of bell pepper. The tannin structure is grippy yet well integrated, supporting a succulent, balanced palate layered with undertones of tobacco and eucalyptus.

SERVING & CELLARING

Enjoy this wine on its own or paired with herb-crusted rack of lamb, chargrilled meats, or smoked cheese. Enjoy now or reap the rewards of careful cellaring for another eight years.

A collaboration between humans and nature.