

# RUST EN VREDE

## STELLENBOSCH

### PAST VINTAGES

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#### Estate 2020

CSPC# 716843

750mlx6

14.35% alc./vol.

*The Estate is our flagship blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Merlot, produced and blended in proportion to our vineyard plantings.*

**Chemical Analysis** Acidity: 5.80 g/l      pH: 3.56      Residual Sugar: 2.0 g/l  
**Grape Variety** 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Syrah, 8% Merlot

**Winemaker** Coenie Snyman

**Vintage** The 2020 vintage had good, cool growing conditions with a wet October that luckily did not affect flowering. Very little rain and wind in November was ideal for berry set. Cool and dry conditions during ripening allowed tannins to develop without the accumulation of sugar, resulting in smooth, ripe tannins. Optimal conditions meant that harvesting took place as expected but we were under pressure to finish ahead of the Covid lockdown.

**Vineyards** Rust en Vrede has a Mediterranean climate with very low rainfall during the growing season. Rust en Vrede is a warmer microcosm in the Helderberg area. This is why we specialize in Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, which lend themselves to full-bodied wines with powerful structure. Our north-facing vineyards are planted on Tukulu soil, derived from Helderberg granite and Table Mountain sandstone. Small deposits of ironstone show good water retention, which allows for only moderate vine stress during dry years. A higher amount of sandstone provides good drainage, resulting in weaker growth and more intense wines, carefully monitored, and supplemented by drip irrigation

**Harvest** 19 Feb - 26 Mar 2020

**Vinification/  
Maturation** Made only from Estate-grown grapes that are picked and sorted by hand. Harvest parcels and clones are vinified separately. Harvested grapes are destemmed, crushed and pumped into open-top fermentation tanks where they undergo a 21-day maceration period involving a 7-day fermentation with pump-overs and manual punch-downs 2-4 times daily. Barrel maturation in 100% French oak barrels (20% new, 20% 2nd fill, 20% 3rd fill, 40% 4th fill), in 300l barrels for 22 months.

**Tasting Notes** Dense yet defined aromas of dark chocolate, black currant, black cherries, and sandalwood on the nose. Sweet fruit on entry followed by an enticing combination of Black Forest gateaux, cedar, baking spices, and toast. Fresh acidity and fine-grained but grippy tannins provide structure, balanced by intense, spicy blackberry compote that lingers on the finish.

**Cellaring** 10 to 15 years.

**Serve with** A well-aged piece of beef cooked or any red meat dishes.

**Scores/Awards** **91 points** - Decanter World Wine Awards - January 2023

**94 points (4.5\*)** - Malu Lambert, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2023

**Reviews** *"Reputed blend of cab & shiraz (64/28), touch merlot shows its pedigree in 2020, enticing notes of gravel, cassis & an iodine, black-fruited core wrapped in sumptuous tannins & good dry finish. Supreme balance. Also tasted, 2019 (93 pts) near-identical blend (tad less cab) savoury whiffs of cedar & spice over accessible sweet black cherry & juicy plum, enlivened by touch of citrus acidity, finishing salty. Combo barrel sizes & ages (40% new), 22 months, for both."*

- ML, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines



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#### Estate 2017

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14.8% alc./vol.

<b>Chemical Analysis</b>	Acidity: 5.80 g/l	pH: 3.54	Residual Sugar: 2.20 g/l
<b>Grape Variety</b>	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Syrah, 10% Merlot		
<b>Winemaker</b>	Coenie Snyman		
<b>Vintage</b>	The winter of 2016 was extremely dry with July seeing the last of the proper rainfall of winter. The cool but dry months of spring ensured good budbreak and small berries, although windy conditions during flowering resulted in a smaller crop. Cool evenings after veraison encouraged excellent colour development as well as good phenolic ripeness at lower sugar levels. The cooler vintage is bold, structured, and intense with the various components in the wines creating beautiful harmony.		
<b>Vineyards</b>	Mediterranean climate with precisely 479mm rainfall during vintage growing season. Rust en Vrede is a warmer microcosm in the Helderberg area. This is why we specialize in Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, which lend themselves to full bodied wines with powerful structure. Our north facing vineyards are planted on Tukulu soil, derived from Helderberg granite and Table Mountain sandstone with small deposits of iron stone, showing good water retention which allows for only moderate vine stress during dry years. A higher amount of sandstone allows more drainage which results in weaker growth and more intense wines, carefully monitored and supplemented by drip irrigation.		
<b>Harvest</b>	20 Feb - 29 March 2017		
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Made only from Estate-grown grapes that are picked and sorted by hand. Each variety, harvest-parcel and individual clone is vinified separately. An average of 8 tons per hectare is harvested, destemmed, crushed, and pumped into open top fermentation tanks where they undergo a 21-day maceration period involving a 7-day fermentation with pump-overs and manual punch-downs 2-4 times daily. Barrel maturation takes place in 100% French oak barrels (40% new, 40% 2nd fill, 20% 3rd fill), 30% in 500l & 70% in 300l barrels for 22 months.		
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Intense aromas of blackberry compote with cassis and fresh plum are layered with notes of vanilla, crème brûlée, and cedar. The pronounced bouquet follows through on to the palate, with powerful tannins and a rich, full mouthfeel. Intense berry fruit, with tightly knit notes of liquorice, chocolate, lead pencil and tobacco add more layers to this wine, giving it refined complexity. The expressive fruit and spice balance the bold tannins, culminating in a dry, spicy finish. The depth and intensity of flavour bode well for excellent age-ability.		
<b>Cellaring</b>	10 to 15 years.		
<b>Serve with</b>	A well-aged piece of beef cooked or any red meat dishes.		
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>92 points</b> - Tim Atkin, MW - <a href="http://timatkin.com">timatkin.com</a> (South Africa Report) - January 2020 <b>Best Signature Red Blend</b> - Winemag Prescient Top 20 Wines South Africa Report, 2020 <b>93 points</b> - Winemag South Africa, 2020 <b>97 points (5*)</b> - Malu Lambert, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2021		
<b>Reviews</b>	<i>"Continues 30-year legacy of excellence in stunning 2017, cab &amp; shiraz (60/30), splash merlot. Juicy black &amp; red fruit, hint white pepper &amp; slatey minerality. Good acid tension, house's generous alcohol (14.8%) well meshed. Composed &amp; complete, built for the long haul, as all the wines. 40% new oak, 22 months."</i> - ML, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines		



*"Matured for 22 months in French oak, 40% new. Beguiling aromatics of red and black berries, some leafiness, violets, earth, vanilla and spice while the palate displays dense fruit, fresh acidity and firm but fine tannins –*

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*succulent on entry before a finish is long and dry. Great richness without sacrificing balance.”*  
- Winemag South Africa

*“Powerful, plush, bold and full-bodied, this is a quintessential central Helderberg red made from Cabernet Sauvignon with 48% Syrah and Merlot and aged in 40% new wood. Smoky plum, fig and damson flavours are supported by compact tannins and enough acidity and minerality for balance. Drink 2022-29.”*  
- Tim Atkin MW, SA Special Report

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#### Estate 2016

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750mlx6

14.63% alc./vol.

**Chemical Analysis** Acidity: 5.80 g/l pH: 3.57 Residual Sugar: 3.40 g/l  
**Grape Variety** 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Shiraz, 9% Merlot

**Winemaker** Coenie Snyman

**Vintage** Extreme dry and warm conditions in the summer months resulted in drip irrigation being used, with a maximum winter rainfall of 469mm much lower than the average 712mm. It was a vintage that was monitored extremely closely in the vineyard. The heat & dry conditions resulted in reduced berry size and earlier ripening. Harvest started on the 3rd of February, a week earlier than 2015. The 2016 vintage is well structured with a lighter body and linear fruit expression.

Vinification

**Vineyards** Rust En Vrede Estate Wine is grown on Tukulu soil that is derived from Helderberg granite. It is a mixture of decomposed granite and Table Mountain sandstone – deep and red in colour, showing good water retention which allows for only moderate vine stress during dry years.

**Harvest** 3 Feb – 29 March 2016

**Vinification/  
Maturation** Made only from Estate-grown grapes that are picked and sorted by hand. Each variety, harvest-parcel and individual clones are vinified separately. An average of 8-tons per hectare is harvested.

Destemmed, crushed and pumped into open top fermentation tanks where they undergo a 21-day maceration period involving a 7-day fermentation with pump-overs and manual punch-downs 2-4 times daily. Barrel maturation in 100% French oak barrels (40% new, 40% 2nd fill, 20% 3rd fill), 30% in 500l & 70% in 300l barrels for 22 months.

**Tasting Notes** It is a deep crimson red, with aromas of tobacco, cedar wood and spice prominent on the nose, along with blueberry fruit and hints of creamy cheesecake. The palate shows classic blackberry and plum flavours with a dark chocolate core wrapped with approachable tannins and a dry, lengthy finish.

**Serve with** A well-aged piece of beef cooked or any red meat dishes

**Production** 56,880 bottles

**Scores/Awards** **90 points** - Anthony Mueller, Wine Advocate #245 - October 2019

**92 points** - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (South Africa Report) - January 2019

**Review Only** - Jollette Styne, Wine Cellar - March 2019

**Reviews** *"A blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Shiraz and 9% Merlot, the 2016 Estate Red begins with dark red and black fruits. The nose immediately offers aromas of dark cherry, blackberry compote, with subtle purple flowers dusted by subtle brown baking spices of cinnamon and cardamom. On the palate, the wine is structured with a lush fruit bouquet and has a firm tannic grip. Full-bodied and with a long and focused finish, it will last for years to come. 56,880 bottles were made from wine that spent 22 months in French oak, of which 40%, were brand-new barrels."*

- AM, Wine Advocate

*"Vibrant ruby red, this Estate blend from the Helderberg shows the Rust en Vrede signature style. Plentiful and powerful fruit luxuriously wrapped in spice, grainy tannins and subtle oak. Blue and black berry compote sits comfortably next to notes of forest floor, leather and dark chocolate. More leather, dried herbs and toffee integrate well with grainy, youthful tannins and lingers beautifully en bouche"*

- JS, Wine Cellar





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### Estate 2014

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750mlx6

14.84% alc./vol.

<b>Chemical Analysis</b>	Acidity: 5.90 g/l	pH: 3.50	Residual Sugar: 3.40 g/l
<b>Grape Variety</b>	62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Shiraz, 7% Merlot		
<b>Winemaker</b>	Coenie Snyman		
<b>Vintage</b>	Picking for the Estate vineyard fruit started a bit later than usual in the last week of Feb and went on until the 15th of April. The vintage was that of far larger proportions, coming in at 44% higher than average. Due to a warmer spring, fruit set was good and led to high yields. The last two weeks of harvest brought rain which mimicked that of the typical Bordeaux season, these rains were consistent and helped ripen the fruit which led to an elegant vintage.		
<b>Vineyards</b>	The vineyards are situated on north facing slopes at the upper end of the valley, hence the slightly warmer and more moderate climatic conditions, resulting in optimum grape berry ripeness. Situated in close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, cool sea breezes help reduce the vineyard temperatures during the summer months, extending the ripening period and thus allowing for big well-structured wines to develop. The soil type is Tukulú and derives from Helderberg granite. It is a mixture of decomposed granite and Table Mountain sandstone – deep and red in colour, showing good water retention, which allows for only moderate vine stress during dry years. The mixture of granite and sandstone varies over the property. A higher amount of sandstone allows more drainage which results in weaker growth and more intense wines, while more granite will have higher water retention, resulting in a higher yield and more elegant wines. Soil moisture is carefully monitored and supplemented by drip irrigation.		
<b>Harvest</b>	End February – 15th April 2014		
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Primary fermentation took 7 days, followed by a 21-day maceration. Pumped over and the cap manually punched down 4 times a day. Malolactic fermentation in barrels. Following fermentation, the Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot clones are vinified separately. Matured in 100% French oak barrels for 18 months, and then for a further 12 months in the bottle before release.		
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Deep crimson red. Aromas of sour cherry, black forest and Christmas cake along with notes of perfumed jasmine compliment a palate of sweet spices, dark fruits and paprika. The finish is long, savoury and well-structured.		
<b>Serve with</b>	Pairs beautifully with roasted duck breast, braised venison cheeks or beef tenderloin with a blackberry dressing.		
<b>Production</b>	5125 cases made		
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>92 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - July 31, 2017 <b>4.5* stars (92 points)</b> - Greg de Bruyn, Platter's South African Wine Guide 2018		
<b>Reviews</b>	<i>"Very solid, with a graphite spine running from start to finish, while steeped black currant and blackberry fruit rumbles through. Loam, mint and tar notes fill out the background. Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot. Drink now through 2022. 5,125 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator  <i>"Pioneer cab-shiraz flagship blend with near-legendary status. 2014 (62/31) has splash of merlot, dense, plush black berry fruit &amp; massive appeal. Poised &amp; supple with velvet-gloved fist, elegant spiciness &amp; lingering finish."</i> - GdB, wineonaplatter.com		



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#### Estate 2013

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**Chemical Analysis** Acidity: 6.20 g/l pH: 3.62 Residual Sugar: 3.00 g/l

**Grape Variety** 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Shiraz, 11% Merlot

**Winemaker** Coenie Snyman

**Vineyards** The vineyards are situated on north facing slopes at the upper end of the valley, hence the slightly warmer and more moderate climatic conditions, resulting in optimum grape berry ripeness. Situated in close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, cool sea breezes help reduce the vineyard temperatures during the summer months, extending the ripening period and thus allowing for big well-structured wines to develop. The soil type is Tukulu and derives from Helderberg granite. It is a mixture of decomposed granite and Table Mountain sandstone – deep and red in colour, showing good water retention which allows for only moderate vine stress during dry years. The mixture of granite and sandstone varies over the property. A higher amount of sandstone allows more drainage which results in weaker growth and more intense wines, while more granite will have higher water retention, resulting in a higher yield and more elegant wines. Soil moisture is carefully monitored and supplemented by drip irrigation.

**Vinification/  
Maturation** Primary fermentation took 7 days, followed by a 21-day maceration. Pumped over and the cap manually punched down 4 times a day. Malolactic fermentation in barrels. Following fermentation, the Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot clones are vinified separately. Matured in French oak barrels for 18 months, and then for a further 12 months in the bottle before release.

**Tasting Notes** Deep crimson red. Tobacco, cedar wood and spice are prominent on the nose with blueberry and hints of creamy cheesecake. On the palate, classic blackberry and plum flavours with a dark chocolate core. Approachable tannins and a dry, lengthy finish.

**Production** 3,607 cases made

**Scores/Awards** **92 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - September 30, 2016

**4 stars** - Cathy Marston, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2017

**Bronze Medal** - Decanter World Wine Awards 2016

**Reviews** *"Warm cocoa and coffee notes lead the way for a fleshy core of black currant and blackberry confiture. The long, loamy finish maintains a dark profile without losing definition. Latent grip emerges steadily. Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot. Best from 2017 through 2022. 3,607 cases made."*

- JM, Wine Spectator

*"Delicious union of mainly cab with shiraz & merlot on 2013 melds black fruits, polish & spice into supple, pliable mix. Neat tannins, well integrated already, densely fruited but not heavy or ponderous. Various larger bottle formats available."*

- CM, Wineonaplatter.com

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#### Estate 2011

CSPC# 716843

750mlx6

15.24% alc./vol.

**Chemical Analysis** Acidity: 6.00 g/l pH: 3.60 Residual Sugar: 2.50 g/l  
**Grape Variety** 63% Cab Sauvignon, 28% Shiraz, 9% Merlot

**Winemaker** Coenie Snyman

**Vineyards** The vineyards are situated on north facing slopes at the upper end of the valley, hence the slightly warmer and more moderate climatic conditions, resulting in optimum grape berry ripeness. Situated in close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, cool sea breezes help reduce the vineyard temperatures during the summer months, extending the ripening period and thus allowing for big well-structured wines to develop. The soil type is Tukul and derives from Helderberg granite. It is a mixture of decomposed granite and Table Mountain sandstone – deep and red in colour, showing good water retention which allows for only moderate vine stress during dry years. The mixture of granite and sandstone varies over the property. A higher amount of sandstone allows more drainage which results in weaker growth and more intense wines, while more granite will have higher water retention, resulting in a higher yield and more elegant wines. Soil moisture is carefully monitored and supplemented by drip irrigation.

**Vinification/ Maturation** Primary fermentation took 7 days, followed by a 21 day maceration. Pumped over and the cap manually punched down 4 times a day. Malolactic fermentation in barrels. Following fermentation, the Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot clones are vinified separately. Matured in 85% French and 15% American oak barrels for 18 months, and then for a further 12 months in the bottle before release.

**Tasting Notes** Colour: Deep crimson red.  
Aroma: Dark fruit and roasted spices are backed up by a rich dark chocolate line, with subtle vanilla aromas.  
Palate: The dark fruit and spicy liquorice aromas follow through beautifully from the nose. This full bodied wine has great structure and length, with a seamlessly integrated mid-palate and a long, dry finish.

**Production** 3,750 cases made

**Scores/Awards** **93 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2014  
**88 points** - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - May/June 2014  
**4.5 stars** - Fiona McDonald, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2015  
**Gold Medal** - Selection Mondiale des Vins Canada 2014  
**Silver Medal** - Decanter World Wine Awards 2014

**Reviews** "A dense red, displaying dark currant, fig and blackberry fruit, layered with charcoal, grilled savory and tobacco notes. An iron edge underpins the finish, adding length and cut to match the heft. A serious Cabernet blend. Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot. Best from 2015 through 2020. 3,750 cases made."  
- JM, Wine Spectator

"Beguiling 2011 continues standard of previous classy cab (63%), shiraz, merlot blends. Cassis purity, seamlessly knit with oak (French & American). Squeeze of tannin in silky & genteel texture. Long, rich & refined."  
- FMc, Wine on a Platter

"Good bright, dark red. Currant, black cherry, loam and tobacco on the nose. Smooth and vinous, with a nice touch of sweetness to the currant and tobacco flavors. An attractive, juicy midweight with moderate complexity but good intensity and length."  
- ST, International Wine Cellar



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### Estate 2010

CSPC# 716843

750mlx6

15.26% alc./vol.

<b>Chemical Analysis</b>	Acidity: 6.00 g/l	pH: 3.60	Residual Sugar: 2.60 g/l
<b>Grape Variety</b>	59% Cab Sauvignon, 34% Shiraz, 7% Merlot		
<b>Winemaker</b>	Coenie Snyman		
<b>Vineyards</b>	The vineyards are situated on north facing slopes at the upper end of the valley, hence the slightly warmer and more moderate climatic conditions, resulting in optimum grape berry ripeness. Situated in close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, cool sea breezes help reduce the vineyard temperatures during the summer months, extending the ripening period and thus allowing for big well-structured wines to develop.		
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Primary fermentation took 7 days, followed by a 10 day maceration. Malolactic fermentation took place partly in steel tanks and partly in barrels. Following fermentation, the Cabernet Sauvignon (6 clones), Shiraz (6 clones) and Merlot (2 clones) clones are separately vinified. Left to mature in mostly new 300L French and American oak barrels for 23 months, the wine is then blended and bottled. Only after a further 18 months of bottle-maturation is the wine released.		
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Lovely flavours of cherry and raspberry are supported by beautifully integrated tannins. Dark chocolate and Christmas cake characteristics are also prevalent. This wine shows great structure and balance and offers beautiful complexity.		
<b>Production</b>	1,945 cases		
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>92 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - June 30, 2013 <b>91 (+)? points</b> - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - May/June 2013 <b>Gold Medal</b> - Selection Mondiale des Vins Canada 2013 <b>Silver Medal</b> - Decanter World Wine Awards 2013 <b>Silver Medal</b> - International Wine Challenge 2013		
<b>Reviews</b>	<i>"Dense, with charcoal- and savory-tinged grip lending cut while the core of steeped blackberry, black currant and anise notes waits in reserve. The long finish has sinewy tannins that should integrate in the cellar. Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot. Best from 2014 through 2018. 1,945 cases made"</i> - JM, Wine Spectator  <i>"(15% alcohol; 59% cabernet sauvignon, 34% shiraz and 7% merlot): Bright ruby-red. Scented, complex nose offers cassis, blueberry, violet and cocoa powder. Suave, spicy and intense, showing lovely cut and penetration to the red and dark berry and spice flavors. Finishes firmly tannic and long, with the structure for a graceful evolution in bottle. This is excellent."</i> - ST, International Wine Cellar		



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#### Estate 2007

CSPC# 716843

750mlx6

15.1% alc./vol.

**Chemical Analysis** Acidity: 6.30 g/l pH: 3.73 Residual Sugar: 2.70 g/l  
**Grape Variety** 61% Cab Sauvignon, 30% Shiraz, 9% Merlot

**Winemaker** Louis Strydom

**Vineyards** The vineyards are situated on north facing slopes at the upper end of the valley, hence the slightly warmer and more moderate climatic conditions, resulting in optimum grape berry ripeness. Situated in close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, cool sea breezes help reduce the vineyard temperatures during the summer months, extending the ripening period and thus allowing for big well-structured wines to develop.

**Vinification/  
Maturation** Primary fermentation took 7 days, followed by a 10 day maceration. Malolactic fermentation took place partly in steel tanks and partly in barrels. Following fermentation, the Cabernet Sauvignon (6 clones), Shiraz (6 clones) and Merlot (2 clones) clones are separately vinified. Left to mature in mostly new 300L French and American oak barrels for 23 months, the wine is then blended and bottled. Only after a further 18 months of bottle-maturation is the wine released.

**Tasting Notes** Deep crimson red. Savoury oak aromas combined with mocha coffee and pencil shavings. Hints of dark fruit, plum and cassis also come to the fore. This wine shows great structure and balance. Initial Cabernet Sauvignon characteristics are followed up with a spicy finish from the Shiraz. Dark chocolate and berry flavours are prominent.

**Scores/Awards** **92 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - November 15, 2010  
**91 points** - Lauren Buzzeo, Wine Enthusiast - March 1, 2011  
**89 points** - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - Mar/Apr 2009  
**Gold Medal** - Veritas Wine Awards  
**4.5 stars** - John Platter, Platter's South African Wine Guide 2011

**Reviews** *"Tight-grained, featuring tangy maduro tobacco, black currant and black olive notes out front for now, while the core of darker fig paste, tar and ganache waits in reserve. A lovely roasted edge adds definition to the finish, while not sacrificing purity or drive. Should stretch out nicely in the cellar. Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot. Best from 2011 through 2014. 3,000 cases made."*

- JM, Wine Spectator

**Reviews** *"A heady and concentrated Cab-based blend with 30% Shiraz and 9% Merlot. Intense aromas of blackberry, cassis, cedar spice and rich espresso grinds fill the bouquet, while black cherry, plum, cured meat and soft bramble unfold in the mouth. Full and tightly structured with firm tannins and a lingering finish; drink now to 2012."*

- LB, Wine Enthusiast

*"Bright red-ruby. Plum, blackberry, licorice and bitter chocolate on the nose. At once smooth and vinous, with a restrained sweetness and accurate varietal character to the flavors of black fruits, graphite, licorice, fresh herbs and smoked meat. There's nothing sloppy about this wine. Finishes with herbal and minty nuances and good lift and length."*

- ST, International Wine Cellar

*"The flagship, carefully made & for the longer haul. Mainly cab, with shiraz, merlot, 2007 demonstrates components' value; smoky asphalt notes in the fruit, burly, fleshy structure, cab tamed & enriched. Has 10+ yr rewarding future."*

- JP, Platter's South African Wine Guide 2011





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#### Estate 2006

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750mlx6

15.5% alc./vol.

<b>Chemical Analysis</b>	Acidity: 6.16 g/l	pH: 3.64	Residual Sugar: 3.37 g/l
<b>Grape Variety</b>	59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Shiraz, 8% Merlot		
<b>Winemaker</b>	Coenie Snyman		
<b>Vineyards</b>	The vineyards are situated on north facing slopes at the upper end of the valley, hence the slightly warmer and more moderate climatic conditions, resulting in optimum grape berry ripeness. Situated in close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, cool sea breezes help reduce the vineyard temperatures during the summer months, extending the ripening period and thus allowing for big well-structured wines to develop.		
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Following fermentation, the Cabernet Sauvignon (6 clones), Shiraz (6 clones) and Merlot (2 clones) clones are separately vinified. Left to mature in mostly new 300L French and American oak barrels for 23 months, the wine is then blended and bottled. Only after a further 18 months of bottle-maturation is the wine released.		
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Deep crimson Red. Great fusion between the Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz convey aromas of sweet vanilla and caramel. Hints of oak spice is also prevalent. A wine offering great intensity with a powerful mouth filling experience. Dark berries and notes of coffee give way to a lingering finish.		
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>93+ points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - April 30, 2010 <b>Silver Medal</b> - Concours Mondial de Bruxelles, 2009		
<b>Reviews</b>	<i>"Ripe and polished, with a super fresh core of red and black currant fruit, licorice, spice cake and braised fig. The great tangy, embedded structure carries the long, iron-tinged finish. Should stretch out nicely with cellaring. Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot. Drink now through 2015. 3,060 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator		

