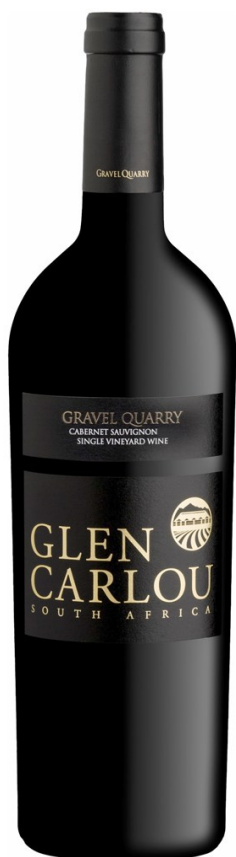




Glen Carlou

Glen Carlou Gravel Quarry Cabernet Sauvignon is a bold and concentrated wine, representing the pinnacle of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Simonsberg-Paarl region. This single vineyard wine is crafted with meticulous care to reflect the noble characteristics of the varietal.



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet
Sauvignon

Gravel Quarry Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 , South Africa

Region and Vineyards

Glen Carlou is situated in the **Simonsberg-Paarl region** of South Africa's Western Cape. The estate spans 145 hectares, with diverse vineyard blocks nurtured according to their unique potential.

The grapes for this **Cabernet Sauvignon** come from a rehabilitated quarry site, characterized by soils of weathered granite and "koffieklip" (coffee stone). The vines are drip-irrigated and trained on a 5-wire Perold trellis system, ensuring optimal growth and quality. Despite recent dry seasons, the vines have shown robust growth, producing grapes of excellent concentration and quality.

Winemaking Process

The winemaking process for Glen Carlou Gravel Quarry Cabernet Sauvignon emphasizes minimal intervention, allowing the natural character of the grapes to shine through. The grapes are hand-harvested and undergo both bunch sorting and meticulous hand sorting of the berries. Natural fermentation is employed to maintain the wine's purity.

The free run and press juice are kept separate, with only the highest quality juice transferred to new 225L French oak barriques for **24 months of aging**. This extensive barrel aging enhances the wine's complexity and structure. The bottle is sealed with a hand-selected premium grade natural cork, ensuring a zero taint guarantee.

Tasting Notes

Color: Deep ruby red.

Aroma: The nose is layered with aromas of dark berries, ripe blackcurrant, mint, and hints of chocolate.

Palate: On the palate, this wine is full-bodied and impressively structured, with bold flavors of dark berries, blackcurrant, and subtle notes of mint and chocolate. The tannins are polished, contributing to a powerfully concentrated and age-worthy wine. The finish is long and complex, promising excellent aging potential.



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Wine Pairing Ideas

This Cabernet Sauvignon pairs beautifully with a variety of robust dishes, including:

- Grilled or roasted red meats such as ribeye steak or lamb chops.
- Rich, savory stews and casseroles.
- Hard, aged cheeses like cheddar or gouda.
- Dishes with dark, intense sauces such as a red wine reduction.

Fun Fact

The Gravel Quarry vineyard, once a working quarry, has been rehabilitated to create a unique terroir for this exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyard's distinct soil composition contributes significantly to the wine's complex flavor profile.

