

Boekenhoutskloof

Boekenhoutskloof Franschhoek Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 is a refined and elegant wine that highlights the unique terroir of Franschhoek with exceptional balance and depth.

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Alcohol :15,00 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Franschhoek Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

Franschhoek, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

The fruit for this **Cabernet Sauvignon** is sourced from **two adjacent vineyards** in Franschhoek, rooted in **deep alluvial soils** in the valley. Additional fruit comes from the estate's own vineyards planted on slopes with **decomposed granitic soils**, a defining feature of the **Bo-Hoek district**.

These vineyards have been **organically farmed for 13 years**, emphasizing sustainable practices that enhance vine health and fruit quality. The 2021 growing season was characterized by a **cool and damp winter**, leading to a delayed budbreak and a gradual ripening process. This contributed to exceptional **color, flavor development**, and smaller berries with an optimal skin-to-juice ratio, ensuring intensity and concentration in the wine.

Winemaking

The winemaking approach emphasizes **gentle vinification** to avoid overly extracted styles. Grapes were **handpicked** and carefully sorted before undergoing **cold maceration** in tulip-shaped concrete vessels. Fermentation was maintained at controlled temperatures between **27°C and 30°C**, with frequent **pump-overs** to extract aromas, color, and tannins.

Post-fermentation, the wine experienced an extended **malolactic fermentation** in **225-liter French oak barriques**. It was then matured for **22 months in 95% new French oak barrels** from the esteemed coopers **Sylvain and Saury**, utilizing the **OXOline system** for precise aging control.

Tasting Notes

- **Aroma**: A complex and layered nose featuring **black fruits**, **graphite**, and a delicate herbaceous streak, with hints of **exotic spices** adding intrigue.
- **Palate**: Vibrant and structured, with flavors of **blackcurrant**, **blueberries**, **red liquorice**, and **fresh figs**, complemented by notes of **clay dust**, **leather**, and a touch of **cocoa powder**. The wine exhibits precise tension, a fresh acidity, and lithe, powdery tannins.
- **Finish**: Lingering hints of **pencil lead**, **spicy French oak**, and a poised, seamless finish that reflects the wine's elegance and precision.

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Did you know?

The **Boekenhoutskloof estate** is renowned for its commitment to sustainability and innovation in the cellar. The **OXOline system** used for barrel aging allows for minimal handling of the wine, preserving its purity and integrity.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Beef Wellington**: The wine's tannins and dark fruit flavors complement the rich, savory layers of beef and mushroom duxelles.
- **Grilled lamb chops with rosemary and garlic**: The herbaceous streak in the wine pairs beautifully with the rosemary's aromatic profile.
- **Braised short ribs with red wine reduction**: The wine's structure and depth enhance the richness of the dish.
- **Aged Gouda or Comté**: The wine's complexity and subtle cocoa notes harmonize with the nutty, caramelized flavors of these cheeses.

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Tim Atkin (TA) : 95 Points (2022)

The only red in the Boekenhoutskloof portfolio that uses grapes from Franschhoek - the farm and a second site that also supplies the winery's Semillon - this is always a comparatively forward, ripe, caressing style of Cabernet Sauvignon, blended with 14% Cabernet Franc for extra perfume. Paprika, cassis and green pepper flavours are framed by 95% new French oak. 2025-32

93 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2022)

Ripe blue and black fruit on the nose, alongside dried herb, licorice and mint chocolate. Creamy and velvety, with a full body, but also minty freshness throughout. Silky tannins. Drink or hold

94 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2021)

#38 TOP 100 WINES OF SOUTH AFRICA - Lovely spicy fragrance of thyme, licorice and clove to the dark berry fruit. Fullbodied, deep and polished, with sturdy tannins. Spicy and muscular. Cabernet sauvignon with 14%cabernet franc. Try from 2024.