



# 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 2021

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 licorice**, 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 **Boekenhouts Kloof 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.



### 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.



### Decanter (DCT) : 94 Points (2021)

This classically styled Cabernet Sauvignon is leavened with 12% Cabernet Franc, delivering a blend of intensity, for those not afraid of tannin. Complex but subtle and embryonic, this releases fresh blackcurrant and pureed raspberry aromas with resinous bay leaves and vetiver root, bitter cocoa and Cuban tobacco, pencil shavings and charcoal. Immensely structured, the tannins close down the finish at this early stage. It's certainly built for the long haul. The wine is made with spontaneous fermentation and aged for 22 months in 95% new oak, lightly toasted and long-seasoned.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 90 Points (2021)

The 2021 Franschhoek Cabernet Sauvignon also contains 12% Cabernet Franc and has firm eucalyptus notes alongside red cherry and plum skin, accentuated by spicy and herbal undertones, with a touch of cassis and wild brush. This full-bodied wine offers an herbal, spicy and mineral-driven experience supported by dusty tannins. The wine aged for 22 months, predominantly in new French oak barrels, and it's recommended to allow it more time to mature after release, allowing its flavors to evolve and integrate further. Nicely done. Exactly 15,828 bottles were produced.

