



BOSCHENDAL

Founded 1685

De Werf



Vintage: 2014

Varieties: Cab Sauv 50%; Petit Verdot 23%; Merlot 15%;
Cab Franc 8%; Malbec 4%

Wine of Origin: Western Cape

In the Vineyard:

The vineyards are in two distinctly different terroir that complement each other beautifully by bringing a delicate touch to otherwise powerful wines. One terroir is the weathered granite soil of the Helderberg foothills and the other is Elgin's cool-climate vineyards that deliver finesse and elegance thanks to their constant and cool sea breezes

Vinification:

Extensive vineyard management including strict crop yield control, leaf removal to increase sunlight exposure resulting in optimal grape ripeness. Berry sorting at the winery ensures only the perfect berries reach the fermentation tank. The wine is partially fermented in open-top barrels with gentle, hand punch-downs. The remainder of the wine is then fermented in stainless steel tanks with gentle pump-overs and long extended maceration periods on the grape skins after fermentation that allows for silky integrated and balanced tannins.

Certain components are aged in barrels for up to 19 months. Only the 15 best barrels from all five Bordeaux varieties were selected and carefully blended to bring forward the best of each varietal and their unique terroir expression. The wine is aged in 50% new and 50% second fill barrels, all French oak.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

On the nose: Complex dark berry (pastille, cherry and plum) with underlying aromatic spice.

Palate: A full-bodied wine with a cool-climate, silky elegance that is complex, rich and has a good balance. Refined, good integration of the varieties with each contributing character to the blend. An intense, dense, lingering finish.

Ageing potential: Drinking well already, yet promises greater integration and intrigue for up to 10 years from vintage.

Technical Analysis

Alc: 14% vol
RS: 2.5 g/l
TA: 5.6 g/l
pH: 3.5

