

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015

85% Cabernet Sauvignon; 12% Malbec; 3% Cabernet Franc

Keermont Cabernet grows in our Cottage Lane Vineyard on the mid-slopes of the Helderberg. This vineyard is situated on the crest of a ridge (320m above sea level) so has aspects ranging from East through North to West. It is very exposed resulting in small vines with low yields. This has allowed us to make a relatively fine grained Cabernet, but the clay soils translate to a wine with power, tension and fresh acidity. We blend in a couple of barrels of other varieties to add to the complexity of flavour and tannin structure.

All grapes used in producing our wines are grown on Keermont Vineyards. Small parcels of grapes are specifically selected according to ripeness, harvested by hand and vinified separately. Maceration and spontaneous fermentation is carried out in open top fermenters and the cap is punched down once or twice a day over the course of about three weeks. This wine spent 22 months maturing in 225 Litre French oak barrels before being bottled by hand without filtration. We produced just 4773 bottles. The wine was bottle matured in the Keermont cellar for a further 18 months before release.

Keermont Vineyards is a boutique wine estate set in the naturally-formed amphitheatre between the Helderberg and Stellenbosch mountain ranges. We aim to grow wines that reflect the natural wonders of this beautiful place.

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A n a l y s i s

Alc: 15.0% pH: 3.70 TA: 5.11g/L RS: 1.91g/L TSO₂: 74mg/L VA: 0.69g/L

V i n e y a r d B l o c k s

Block	Variety	Planted	Yield ton/Ha	Percentage of Blend
Cottage Lane 4	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006	2.3 ton/Ha	85%
Homestead 2	Malbec	2007	4.2 ton/Ha	12%
Pondok Rug 3	Cabernet Franc	2007	2.7 ton/Ha	3%

TASTING NOTE

Bright crimson red colour. The nose is a complex mix of savoury notes: crushed herbs, violets, sandalwood, leather and some lovely bright red fruit. The palate is fine and yet powerful. Lush spicy red fruit is complimented by blueberry and bramble notes. Powerful tight-knit tannin and a very linear acidity afford the wine a long succulent finish. Drink 2019-2030

VINTAGE REPORT

A cold wet winter (as experienced in this vintage) is a good thing for the vine. It goes into full dormancy and wakes up well rested and ready for the season ahead. This was apparent with very even budding and strong early growth during spring. From that point onwards, we experienced a very dry season. Growing conditions, however, were ideal with warm days and cool nights. This variation in temperature leads to good flavour and colour development in the berries and as a result we had a small crop with great quality. We had our earliest harvest yet starting on 23 January and finishing on 3 March and took 70 tons of grapes into the winery.

PREVIOUS RELEASES

Cabernet Sauvignon 2014(maiden vintage):

93 pts *TIM ATKIN (MW)*

91 pts *NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)*