



Vintage 2023



Paul Sauer, grandfather of current Kanonkop owners, politician and an early spokesman and figurehead of the South African wine industry.

### TASTING NOTE

62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc , 15% Merlot Deep ruby red colour. A classic, perfumed nose packed with youthful red berries, blackcurrant and vibrant cherry, layered with pencil shavings, fresh cedar wood and delicate floral notes. As the wine opens, subtle toastiness emerges alongside an intriguing, wild, fynbos character and notes of lavender and saltbush. The palate is refined with linear tannins providing structure and balance. A complex, multi-layered wine with a beautiful structure, balanced acidity, and a long, fresh finish.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2023 vintage followed a late, relatively dry winter with good June rainfall. Cold spells and a dry spring encouraged even budding, with minimal disease pressure. A very wet December produced larger berries, resulting in softer tannins. Harvest commenced as usual in early February.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

| Alcohol | Residual sugar |
|---------|----------------|
| 13.0    | 3.2            |
| pH      | Acidity        |
| 3.41    | 6.2            |

### VINIFICATION DETAILS

Fermented in open concrete fermenters at 29°C. The floating skins were punched down manually every 2 hours during fermentation. The juice was drawn off the skins after 5 days. After malolactic fermentation, the wine was matured for 24 months in 100% new 225L French Nevers oak barrels.

### AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 93 pts  
 Vinous: 94 pts  
 Greg Sherwood MW: 97 pts

### ATTRIBUTES

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| <br>Origin<br>South Africa      | <br>Variety<br>Red Blend | <br>Malolactic Fermentation<br>Yes | <br>Bottle Size<br>75cl    | <br>Vegetarian<br>Yes |
| <br>Winemaker<br>Abrie Beeslaar | <br>Fining Agent<br>None | <br>Closure<br>Cork                | <br>Region<br>Stellenbosch | <br>Vegan<br>Yes      |