



GRAND CLASSIQUE 2023

Glen Carlou is situated in the Simonsberg-Paarl region of South Africa's Western Cape.

Our vineyard blocks encompass a variety of slopes and aspects - each is nurtured according to its own unique potential, respecting the natural cycles of the vines.

Our 145 hectare property transferred back to local ownership when in 2016, Glen Carlou was purchased by a South African family consortium. Significant investments have been made for the vineyard replanting programme, one of several initiatives implemented since the change in ownership. Robust drought resistant rootstocks and new clones are being planted to increase the hectares under vine.

The rich tapestries of passionate people interwoven with insightful custodians have shaped and continue to develop Glen Carlou. A splendid storyline supports our desirable international reputation of being a trusted, highly awarded and respected wine brand.



Wine of Origin	Coastal Region
In the Vineyard	The 2023 harvest was off to a good start due to good winter rains and full dams, which provided a solid foundation for the harvest season ahead. As a result, our grapes ripened slower than usual, leading to more even ripening, concentrated flavours and mature fruit tannin. This wine is made from grapes grown on vines aged between 10 and 25 years, in mainly decomposed granite soil. The grapes were handpicked in the early hours of the morning, with extensive sorting in the vineyard and the cellar.
In the Cellar	The five grape varieties used in this blend ripen at different times and were harvested at around 24° Balling. Hand-sorted and destemmed once arrived at the cellar, each varietal was vinified separately and fermented on the skins for between seven to thirty days at 22°C in closed stainless-steel tanks. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel, racked once and matured in 50% new and 50% seasoned French oak barrels for 18 months.
In the Glass	"A multi-clone blend of five noble varietals, this wine features a rich combination of dark fruit, plum, peppermint and nuances of tobacco leaf. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec make up 94% of the blend, with Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot being small yet valuable in balancing the wine, adding to its complexity and captivating texture. Hints of sweet bell pepper mixed with cranberries, along with subtle vanilla notes remain on the full-bodied palate." Johnnie Calitz - Winemaker

Alc. 14% R.S. 3.2 g/l T.A. 6.4g/l pH 3.49