



GABRIËLSKLOOF

`Rosebud` Bot River 2019

Walker Bay, Bot River, Cape South Coast, South Africa



PRODUCER

Gabriëlskloof is a beautiful wine estate located in the Overberg region east of Cape Town. It was purchased in 2001 by Bernhard Heyns, who had been on the lookout for the ideal place to plant vines. After planting, his first vintage was in 2009. We felt compelled to add Gabriëlskloof to our list because Peter-Allan Finlayson, Bernhard's son-in-law, took over as winemaker from the 2015 vintage. Peter-Allan is now Cellar Master and oversees general management of the property. The farm has 178 hectares, with 68 hectares planted to vines. The vineyards are farmed sustainably with the support of full time vineyard consultant Rosa Kruger. Their aim is to move to organic farming in the future.

VINEYARDS

Gabriëlskloof winery is in the Bot River ward, where prevailing southerly winds from the nearby Atlantic Ocean moderate temperatures and create a mesoclimate perfectly suited to low-yielding vineyards. The vines are planted on northern slopes on Bokkeveld Shale, at around 150 metres above sea level.

VINTAGE

Overall the 2019 vintage was dry with drought conditions continuing from the previous year. However, the warm days and cool nights allowed the grapes to ripen evenly while still retaining good levels of acidity.

VINIFICATION

The varieties were harvested and pressed separately. The juice was then blended and co-fermented in the classic Provençal style, in stainless-steel tanks. It was aged for four months in tank prior to bottling with no time in oak for maximum delicacy and freshness.

TASTING NOTES

Beautifully aromatic, the 'Rosebud' balances floral notes with fruity aromas of papaya, strawberry and watermelon. The palate is light-bodied with a refreshing acidity.

Grape Varieties	50% Syrah/Shiraz 50% Viognier
Winemaker	Peter-Allan Finlayson
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	2.5g/L
Acidity	5.1g/L
Wine pH	3.26
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan