



GABRIËLSKLOOF

`Rosebud` Bot River 2020

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

2020 was still affected by the preceding drought years, which resulted in reduced yields. However, some winter rainfall began to replenish water reserves in the soil. The grapes underwent a perfectly paced, slow and steady ripening. Dry summer conditions resulted in small berries with good levels of concentration. Harvest was earlier than previous years, with cool conditions around harvest retaining crisp aromatics and fresh acidities.

VINIFICATION

The Syrah and Viognier were harvested and pressed separately. The juice was then blended and co-fermented naturally. The wine was racked and aged for four months in stainless steel tanks to preserve the wine's fresh and vibrant aromatics.

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	95% Syrah/Shiraz 5% Viognier
Winemaker	Peter-Allan Finlayson
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	1.1g/L
Acidity	5.3g/L
Wine pH	3.39
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan