



Jordan The Long Fuse Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

THE WINES OF  
**JORDAN**  
STELLENBOSCH



#### BACKGROUND

*To create the perfect soil environment for our Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards, many large, sub-surface granite boulders were excavated and blown up with dynamite. One of the boulders required over 300 charges, necessitating a very long fuse.*

#### LOCATION & CLIMATE

The distinct ravine which embodies Stellenbosch Kloof harnesses all the qualities of a well-orientated compass. Varying elevations and aspects allows us to grow a selection of classic varieties to specific sites that optimise this expression through their location. The cooler south- and east-facing aspects, unique in Stellenbosch, hosts the more sensitive and aromatic white-skinned grape varieties.

Stellenbosch Kloof enjoys a cooler Mediterranean climate with maritime influences from False Bay, 14km to the south, and a refreshing breeze channelled from the West Coast's Benguela current 24km to the north-west. These two breezes culminate at the top end of the ravine and bring in early morning mists, especially from False Bay. Consequently, temperatures in our meso-climate can be measured at least 3° Celsius cooler than inland Stellenbosch during ripening periods. This adds a unique characteristic to Jordan wines.

#### APPELLATION

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch.

#### SOIL

Glenrosa and Hutton

#### ASPECT

West-and North-facing slopes between 200-240m above sea level.

#### AGE OF VINES

19 - 24 years old

#### CLONES

CS163, CS27, CS14, CS46

#### BLEND

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### ANALYSIS

**Alc:** 14.54%

**Total Acid:** 5.7g/l

**pH:** 3.64

**Residual Sugar:** 2.3g/l

#### TASTING NOTES

Progressive techniques such as overhead fermenters, pump-overs and gravity flow allow for the extraction of fully developed flavours and soft ripe tannins without compensating the tension and elegance captured from the various cabernet slopes. Here especially, the climate plays a significant role to allow great fruit expression and classic essences of cedar, brambles and toasted tobacco.

#### HARVESTING

The grapes were harvested between the 22nd and 22nd March 2017 at 24.05°B.

#### WINEMAKING & MATURATION

Fermented in overhead retort-shaped, stainless steel fermentors. Pump-overs were done three times daily during fermentation. Selected tanks received extended maceration on the skins after fermentation. The use of gravity and gentle pressing ensure full-flavoured wines with soft, balanced tannins. The wine was racked into barrels where it underwent malolactic fermentation. After further racking it spent 18 months in new and used French oak barrels, before being lightly filtered prior to bottling.

#### ACCOLADES

2016 - Double Platinum in SA Top 100 Wine Awards

2016 – 4.5 stars in John Platter Wine Guide 2020

2016 – Awarded 93 points by Tim Atkin