



## Rock Of Eye Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

Rock of Eye is a term long-used by tailors, who create beautiful garments by feel rather than precise measurement or method.

Nothing beats experience. It allows us to trust our gut, as well as the process. When we use *instinct born of experience* as our guide, we create intuitively.

### The Cabernet Sauvignon Vineyards

The grapes for this wine were carefully selected from three unique sites – located in the Helderberg (planted in 1998), the Polkadraai Hills (planted in 2010) and Simonsberg (planted in 2003) respectively. These sites all have decomposed granite soils in common. The granite soils always deliver powerful wines, but each vineyard expresses this differently.

Picked on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March the powerful and fruit driven Polkadraai grapes bring with juicy tannins to the blend.

Picked on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March the Simonsberg grapes yield austerity and are defined by tight tannins this wine contributes to the blend.

Picked on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March the Helderberg site yield refined fruit with chalky tannins. This component is the catalyst for the integration of the three components into the blend during maturation. I aimed to capture the truest expression of Cabernet Sauvignon that delivers powerful yet seamless structure.

## Winemaking and Maturation

The grapes are fermented in open top fermenters and punched down manually 3 times per day to optimize extraction. Matured for 18 months in barrels of which 20% are new to ensure the preservation of the fruit whilst the fruit and oak tannins are stitched together into a seamless wine. The wine was bottled on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

### Tasting notes

The colour is deep opaque.

The nose is expressive with a complex array of berry fruits and savoury notes. The combination of black and red current brings the wine to life with dark chocolate, cedar and fynbos aromas complement the fruit.

The elegant palate shows the pepper spice with the mulberry and cherry fruits and finishes dry with a touch of juiciness.

A full-bodied wine with complex layers of fruit, juicy tannin and a dry finish.

As the maiden vintage, this wine is showing tight, dry tannin at this youthful stage and I am curious to see how the wine evolves with maturation.

### Technical detail

Cultivar: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
 Origin: 100% Stellenbosch  
 Planting date: 1998, 2003, 2010  
 Picking date: 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of March  
 2022  
 Date of Tasting note: March 2024  
 Viticulturist: Deon Joubert  
 & Nico Walters

& Bevan Zetler

### Analyses

Alcohol: 14.56 Vol%  
 RS: 2.0 g/l  
 Total acid: 5.9 g/l  
 pH: 3.67  
 Winemaker: Coenie Snyman