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## *Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2016*

<b>Origin:</b>	Wine of origin Stellenbosch, wards: 45 % Firgrove, 24% Raithby, 31 %Jonkershoek	
<b>Blend:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon	
<b>Analysis:</b>	Alc	- 14.5%
	pH	- 3.63
	TA	- 6.2 g/l
	RS	- 1.7 g/l
<b>Viticulture</b>	Soil	Decomposed granite origin, sandy/loamy duplex gravels in Raithby and Firgrove. Rocky hutton soils mix with shale in Jonkershoek
	Aspect	South East, South West, North West
	Distance from the ocean	5 km, 10 km and 15 km
	Vine age	10 years, 22 years, 14 years and 24 years old
	Altitude	100m, 150m and 200m
	Rootstocks	101-14, R110
<b>Winemaking:</b>	Reserve status is only endowed if the grapes and resulting wine measures up to exceptional standard. Hand selected grapes from older, lower yielding vines are used. Fermentation is done with a selected yeast strain under controlled temperatures. Manual plunging during this period ensures optimal colour extraction. After five days the tanks are closed and allowed to macerate for a further period, normally 10-14 days. Pressing follows and the wine is transferred to barrel for the secondary fermentation. On completion a final quality check and analysis is performed and the Reserve is then prepared for barrel ageing. Bottling is followed by hand labelling and further bottle maturation.	
<b>Maturation:</b>	24 Months in 225L French oak, 85% new.	
<b>Tasting Notes:</b>		
	Classic Cabernet fruits with currants and cassis are supported by a fresh vibrant nose. Lead pencil shavings and cedar aromas compliment the overall complexity and sophistication. The palate shows sweet, ripe fruit balanced by round, structured and firm tannins. A lingering, balanced finish lined with a good acidity reveals power to improve with time and an underlying elegance.	

