



## 2016 Waterford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

### Cultivar:

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet franc, 1% Merlot

### Description:

Over 2 decades of producing this Estate wine, the wine is ever increasing in quality and becoming more consistent in expressing the terroir of the Helderberg Mountains. Wine shows off pure fruit and earthy notes complimented by a classical pencil lead aromas. A typical dry tannin structure with a seamless balance to finish.

### Barrel Ageing:

19 months, 26% new, 225L French oak barrels

### Vineyard:

Stellenbosch

### Vintage review:

A vintage which will be remembered for drought and heat. Luckily for Waterford's location on the Helderberg mountain and the near proximity to the ocean, the vineyards could cool down over night. The lack of water resulted in light bunches with tiny berries, great for red wine colour and flavor. The heat also resulted in wines being lower in acidity. Red wines performed exceptionally well.

### Pairing Suggestions:

With the classical earthy and savoury characteristics of the wine along with the dry tannin structure. Classical red meat dishes seasoned with cracked sea salt pair well but also pairs well with other savoury dishes.

### Wine facts:

Cabernet Sauvignon is the most suited varietal to Waterford Estate soils, making up 35% of the total plantings. Planted predominantly on Sandstone rich soils with an upper loam layer and underlying white clay to trap moisture. Clones split between CS163, 46C and CS169.

