



Du Toitskloof

RAWSONVILLE wines

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

IN THE VINEYARD

All the grapes for this wine came from within 5 km of the Du Toitskloof Cellar. The vines, grafted on Richter 99 rootstock, are grown in two types of soil. The weathered scale group delivers full bodied wines whilst the sandy loam soils with the underlying "bolder bed" (approximately 40m deep), produces fruity wines. Based on soil moisture level, as measured by neutron hydrometers in the vineyards, controlled irrigation is applied. This practice ensures small berries with an excellent skin to fruit ratio, providing an intense colour and flavour spectrum. Leaf canopies were carefully managed to ensure the berries receive adequate sunlight. The grapes were picked when they reached optimum physiological ripeness.

ABOUT THE HARVEST

The grapes were picked when they reached optimum physiological ripeness at 25° - 26° Balling.

IN THE CELLAR

The grapes were crushed and de-stemmed, then pumped to rotor tanks where it was left on the skins for two days at temperatures between 10° - 15° C to allow maximum extraction of colour and flavour. Selected yeast strains were added and fermentation allowed to take place at a controlled temperature of 24° C while the rotor tanks were turned every four to six hours to increase extraction. After the primary fermentation lasting six to eight days, the wine was racked and the skins pressed, followed by malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged for ten months in French oak before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This full-bodied red wine holds aromas of blackcurrant, cassis and spices from ten months in wood. Sweetish and richly textured on the palate with good supple, dry tannins, ending in a long-lasting, savoury finish.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Serve this superb wine with robust meat dishes such as roasts. Also excellent with duck and matured cheese. Perfect companion for an excellent quality steak.

AGEING POTENTIAL

Drink within 4 years after bottling

BLEND INFORMATION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	14.38%
pH:	3.38
Residual sugar:	4.9g/l
Total Acid:	5.9g/l
Total SO ₂ :	110mg/l
Free SO ₂ :	42mg/l

CHARACTERISTICS

Type:	Dry Red, Wooded
Body:	Medium
Taste:	Smooth & balanced
Pack size:	750 ml
Pack type:	Bottle
Closure:	Screw

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Chief winemaker:	Shawn Thomson
Winemakers:	Chris Geldenhuys Willie Stofberg
Main variety:	Cabernet Sauvignon
Wine of origin:	Western Cape

