

STELLENBOSCH | SOUTH AFRICA

SURVIVOR

SURVIVOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINE DESCRIPTION

A robust barrel-matured wine with lavish flavours of dark berry fruit and luscious chocolate mingling with herbal touches and a hint of anise seed on the layered complex finish. A youthful wine ready to drink now, but can be cellared.

VINEYARDS

The grapes were sourced from a selection of granite and sandstone soils. Soils are free draining and have excellent water-retention properties. Minimum irrigation.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

Harvesting occurred at optimal ripeness when the grapes were between 25–26° Balling. Picking was done in the early morning hours to ensure the grapes arrived cool at the cellar. Dry ice and sulphur were used to protect the grapes from oxidation during transportation. Cold soaking was done for 24 hours before inoculation. Grapes remained on the skins for 24 hours to allow for colour extraction. Fermentation lasted between 4 and 6 days at 22–25°C. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in 300L medium toasted Vicard and Taransaud barrels, 20% of which was new and the rest second and third fill. The barrels comprised of 100% French oak. Barrel maturation lasted for 15 months during which the wine was racked only once.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Bud break was 7 to 10 days earlier compared to the 2019 vintage, giving rise to earlier flowering and harvest. Good widespread rains at the beginning of November had a very positive effect on set and was a contributing factor to a better season. The cool summer conditions gave the 2020 season a start with a slower ripening period and grapes reached phenolic ripeness with good acidity and lower pH levels.

FOOD PAIRING

Fresh Grilled Tuna
Rack of Lamb
Mushrooms
Emmental Cheese



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APPELLATION: Stellenbosch • **VARIETIES:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon • **HARVEST DATE:** March

VINTAGE: 2020 • **ALC:** 14.5% • **RS:** 3.5g/l • **PH:** 3.62 • **TA:** 6.09g/l