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**FAIRVIEW**  
SINCE 1693  
2007 TANNAT

Established in 1693, Fairview cellar with its spectacular view of Table Mountain lies on the south western slopes of Paarl at the Cape of Good Hope. Fairview was purchased by my grandfather in 1937 and I am the third generation of my family to make wine here. We have vineyards in the leading coastal grape producing areas, where geographic and climatic diversity allows us to craft a range of truly distinctive wines, complemented by Fairview's range of award winning artisanal cheeses. To Life!

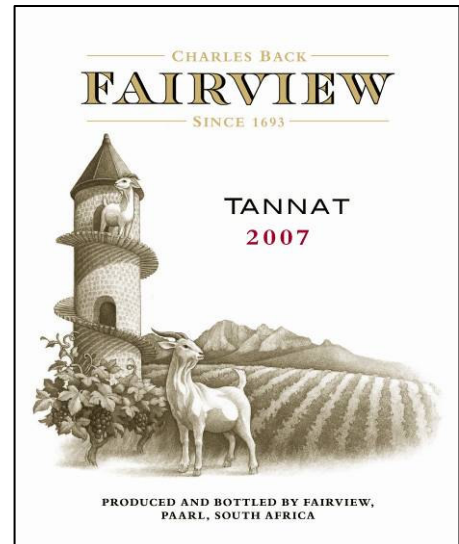
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**IN THE VINEYARD:** This Swartland vineyard was planted in 2004, on Koffieklip soils. The vineyard was initially planted as bushvines, but we subsequently trellised the vines as we felt that it would benefit the quality of the grapes. The vineyard is unirrigated and yields were below 3 tons per hectare.

**HARVEST DATE:** March 2007

**WINEMAKING:** Grapes were hand picked at 26 degrees balling and stored for 24 hours in a cold room at 2 degrees Celsius. All the fruit was hand sorted over a sorting table and any burnt or damaged berries were removed. Fermentation was in open 2 ton French oak vats, after which the skins were gently basket pressed. The wine was transferred to 100% new Burgundian French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and maturation. The wine spent a total of 15 months in barrel.

**TASTING NOTE:** Black cherry and liquorice character on the nose. Full bodied, with complex palate. Sweetness of the fruit flavours balance with the tannins and subtle hazelnut character of the oak. The tannins provide a lovely structure to the wine, without dominating.



<i>Wine of Origin</i>	<i>Swartland</i>
<i>Alcohol</i>	<i>14.29%</i>
<i>Residual sugar</i>	<i>2.4 g/l</i>
<i>Total acid</i>	<i>5.9 g/l</i>
<i>pH</i>	<i>3.44</i>

