



FOUNDED 1693

FAIRVIEW

Established in 1693, the Fairview cellar, with its spectacular view of Table Mountain, lies on the southwestern slopes of Paarl in the Cape of Good Hope. My grandfather purchased Fairview in 1937, and I am the third generation to make wine here. We have vineyards in the leading coastal grape producing areas, where geographic and climatic diversity allow us to craft a range of truly distinctive wines, which we complement with our award-winning artisanal cheeses. To Life!



Charles Back

Fairview Tannat 2015



THE VARIETY:

Forever pushing the envelope of winemaking, we bring South Africans more never before seen plantings, such as Tannat. Historically grown in the Basque region of France, today Tannat is one of the most prominent grapes grown in Uruguay. Having rooted itself just as comfortably in our local soils, this red shows off abundant yet elegant tannins and spiced dark fruits on the nose.

IN THE VINEYARD:

This trellised vineyard was planted on Koffieklip soils on a low slope of the Fairview farm in 2004. Tannat is a vigorous grower so careful attention is paid to summer canopy management practices to ensure the vine growth is in balance with the crop.

HARVEST DATE:

25 February 2015

WINEMAKING:

The Tannat grapes were destemmed, lightly crushed and fermented in stainless steel tanks. Gentle pump-overs were done three times a day. Just before the end of alcoholic fermentation, the wine was pressed off the skins to prevent too much tannin being extracted and to ensure the fruit flavours were preserved. The wine was transferred to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and maturation, where it spent 16 months in barrel before bottling.

TASTING NOTE:

Deep, dark red in the glass with notes of blackberry, black cherry and wild rosemary on the nose. The palate has flavours of plums, vanilla and firm but focused tannins with a surprisingly fresh finish.

FOOD RECOMMENDATION:

Grilled lamb cutlets or pork fillet mignon.

Wine of Origin	Paarl
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual sugar	3.5 g/l
Total acid	5.4 g/l
pH	3.53
Varieties	
Tannat	100%
Closure	Natural Cork