



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

## 2011 Fairview Petite Sirah



### THE VARIETY

Petite Sirah [pe-teet-si-rah] (also known as Durif) is a natural crossing of Syrah and Peloursin, discovered by François Durif in the south of France in 1880. Its intense colour and good tannin structure makes it an excellent blending partner. Today the variety is mostly grown in California and Australia. Petite Sirah was introduced to South Africa by Fairview Owner Charles Back after tasting it abroad. It thrives in our warm climate – both in Paarl and in the Swartland. This is the only bottling of Petite Sirah in South Africa.

### IN THE VINEYARD

Trellised vineyard on the upper slopes of the Fairview farm in Paarl. This vineyard was planted on decomposed granite soils in 2004.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand picked at 25.8 degrees balling and stored in a cold room at two degrees Celsius. The fruit was hand sorted over a sorting table, where damaged and burnt berries were removed. Fermentation took place in Foudre (open-top French oak barrels), after which the skins were gently basket pressed. After being transferred to 60% new French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and maturation, the wine spent a total of 12 months in a combination of older and 40% new wood.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

This is a bold and full-bodied wine, which at the same time displays great elegance. Perfect for rich meat dishes like lamb shanks or Eisbein. *Anthony de Jager*

### TASTING NOTE

Deep red in colour with blackberries, plums and a hint of spice on the nose. The palate is round and full, with a well balanced acidity and robust tannin structure.

### RECOGNITION

**2011:** 92 points – Tim Atkins SA Report Publication 2014

**2011:** 91 points - John Szabo, MS - Canadian writer for Wine Align

**2011:** Top 100 SA Wines 2014

**2010:** 91 points – Tim Atkins SA Report Publication

Wine of Origin	Paarl
Alcohol	14,5%
Residual sugar	3,8g/l
Total acid	5,4 g/l
pH	3,59
Varieties	
Petite Sirah	100%
Closure	Natural Cork