



Safriel House is a family owned wine house founded upon a passion for South African winemaking, grape growing terroir, and hands-on experience in the cellar. Our small batch wines honor the 300 years of winemaking heritage of the Cape, while at the same time incorporating sustainable, innovative and minimal intervention winemaking techniques. Safriel House wines are part of the new wave of South African wineries and express the climate, geology and wine making styles that make South Africa unlike any other growing region in the world.



The Vineyard and Wine

The grapes for this select wine originate from a single farm that is certified both for Sustainability and Integrity as well as one of the very few wine farms in the world that is certified Carbon Neutral. The vines are planted in the best region for Cabernet Sauvignon in Vilafonte & Dundee soils at 190m above sea level on a South Eastern slope (the coolest slope in the Southern Hemisphere). The vines are 15 years old and pruned to a low to medium yield of 8-12 tons per hectare. After harvesting, the grapes are destalked, cool crushed and cold soaked for a few days prior to fermentation. Fermentation is oxidative with lots of air which fixes the color and develops the tannins, so that after 12 months, very little or no fining is needed.

Technical details: Alcohol - 14.1 %vol ; pH - 3.54; RS - 2.8 g/l; Total Acid - 5.7 g/l

Oak Aging

Small (225 liters) French oak barrels for 18 months of which a third are new and the rest second and third fill so that the oak influence is balanced with the fruit and tannins.

Tasting Notes

The 2018 vintage is a full-bodied wine with classic claret character which is full of flavor and drinkable on release. The nose shows spicy aromas with overlay rich blackcurrant fruit and more red fruit compared to the prior vintage. The careful oak aging provides the necessary structure for the ripe, full and fruit driven mid palate. Complex and long lasting, this wine has depth and power and will gain aroma and flavor with cellaring of 8-15 years.



The vineyard where our Cabernet Sauvignon is grown



Lynne Safriel in the maturation cellar