

VAN BILJON

WINES

VAN BILJON CINQ 2015



VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

A mild start to the season evolved into a hot and dry ripening period in February and March. Judicious irrigation was implemented to reduce stress levels in the vines and extend the ripening period. The daily cool sea breezes from the False Bay ocean played a pivotal role in maintaining lower stress levels in the vine.

VINEYARDS

This small farm is situated in the Polkadraai region of Stellenbosch neighbouring esteemed producers like Reyneke and De Toren. The region is known for their deep, fertile and well drained decomposed granitic soils and moderating sea breezes off False Bay lying to the South. Meticulous viticultural practices yield fruit with intense colour, concentrated fruit flavours and firm tannins.

THE BLEND

The 2015 CINQ is a blend of 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 17% Malbec 12% Cab Franc, and 6% Petit Verdot

VINIFICATION

The focus is on producing premium quality grapes which are hand picked in small batches. The grapes are then fermented on the farm using traditional wine making techniques combined with modern technology and minimal mechanical intervention to produce classic and powerful wines. The wine is matured in carefully selected French oak barrels for 18 months, blended and bottled.

CELLERMASTER'S COMMENTS

This wine makes a bold statement with its powerful structure and expressive fruit composition. The classic oak character is seamlessly integrated with the fruit and the fresh berry acid gives the wine vibrance and purity of fruit. The firm tannins are in perfect harmony with the wine leaving a lingering fruit sensation and satisfaction.

WINE ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar: 2.7 g/l
pH: 3.57

Total Acidity: 5.8 g/l
Alcohol: 15%

RECOGNITION

The 2015 CINQ received 5 stars in the 2020 Platter Wine Guide and renowned British Master of Wine, Tim Atkin MW rated the wine a 94/100. The 2015 van Biljon CINQ won Platters Red Blend (Cape Bordeaux) of the Year 2020.