

THE ICON COLLECTION

A collection of very limited quantities for the fine wine collector and connoisseur who understand the niche qualities of varietals blended with excellence and appreciate the full potential of careful cellaring



O.T.V. 2018

"This wine commemorates the lifework of my father, O.T. Venter Senior. A mentor, advisor, oracle, a guiding light and inspiration to family and friends." Ockert Tobias Venter, Owner

Single varietals blended to enhance their individual virtues of flavour and texture. Rigorous selection is followed by meticulous blending. Flavours are balanced and complexity is accentuated. Predicting the future, imagining evolution. A wine of distinction that will be enhanced by careful cellaring and patience.

ORIGIN	Helderberg, Stellenbosch
ASPECT	North & North-West facing slopes
SOIL	Decomposed granite – Oakleaf, Tukulu
ALTITUDE	300 – 400 m above sea level
PROXIMITY TO THE OCEAN	9 km from False Bay
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Leaf fall occurred later than usual which allowed good reserves to build up in the vines. The similarly delayed onset of Winter allowed for good cold unit accumulation. Rainfall was the lowest to date. Days were warm and nights cool. Budding occurred later and flowering was uniform. A dry, warm season resulted in compact berries with some supplementary irrigation necessary. A cooler February allowed for even ripening. An abundant vintage of exceptional quality.
MATURATION	18 months in French oak barrels, 65% new
OPTIMUM SERVING TEMPERATURE	17 – 18 °C

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR	Crimson red
NOSE	Elegant and seductive, engaging mélange of red fruit, fresh herbs, cigar box notes with a savoury undertone, and a delightful interplay of graphite and perfume. Concentrated yet vibrant and refreshing with fine mineral grip and musky floral lift.
PALATE	Concentration and elegance start the journey of this superior blend which exudes refinement and sophistication. Extremely fresh and poised with notes of graphite and a touch of floral notes which stand out on the plush palate. Silky, fine and textured with impressive sophistication which deftly marries elegance and tension. Layered, lovely fruit, well balanced and understated. Handcrafted in a refined style, showing exceptional varietal character and the potential to age magnificently.
GRAPE VARIETY	59% Cabernet Franc; 41% Cabernet Sauvignon
WINE ANALYSIS	Alcohol: 14.50 % RS: 2.74 g/litre TA: 6.06 g/litre pH: 3.36
TOTAL PRODUCTION	235 cases of 6

