

HB Wine Merchants presents wines from: **Cederberg**



FRANCE

Cabernet Sauvignon

South Africa



Brand Highlights

- The highest elevation vineyards in South Africa at 1036 meters with diverse soil types
- Multi-generational family business in an isolated area since 1893
- Cool climate and long hangtime with extended bottle aging at the winery before release
- Adheres to sustainable agricultural/viticulture methods

The Estate

Since 1893, the Nieuwoudt family has farmed the rugged land of the Dwarsrivier in Cederberg, situated 250 km north of Cape Town. The total property is vast, spanning over 13,000 acres of which 163 acres of land are dedicated to vineyards. The first vines were planted in 1973 and David Nieuwoudt, the fifth generation, has been managing the farm since 1977. The property is aligned with the Khoisan spirit of environmental stewardship and Cederberg Wines is a WWF Conservation Champion. Sustainable practices are employed and there is no spraying of herbicides or pesticides for the past five years. The isolation of the site, along with the elevation, ensures a virus-free environment while offering unique growing conditions. This is especially important to the farming and production of a later harvested red grape varieties. Innovation and simplicity is also encouraged and harnessed to increase quality wherever possible.

Wine Making

The grapes are harvested by hand at 24.5-25.5 Brix and cold soaked for two days before fermentation. Extraction takes place with regular pump-overs every six hours with two to three manual punchdowns of the cap. Once fermentation is complete a further 10-14 days of maceration and skin contact takes place before the grapes are pressed and transferred into 225 Liter French Oak barriques. Malolactic fermentation completes in barrel and maturation commences for 15 months with 40% new wood. The wine is bottled with 3.3 grams of residual sugar and a total acidity of 6.1 g/L. 4,000 cases produced. Aged in the bottle at the winery before release.

Tasting Notes

This wine is deep and dark colored with a nose of black currant and black cherry with a distinctive dusty herbaceous note typical of this high-altitude vineyard site. The palate has the poise and elegance you would expect from the cooler climate with lingering dark fruits and chalky tannins that are smooth and satisfying. These characteristics make it a great with rare red meats.

Press

- ♦ 2020 Vintage **90 Points**—Tim Atkin
- ♦ 2020 Vintage **89+ Points**—Robert Parker
- ♦ 2018 Vintage **90 Points**—Wine Spectator

Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL-12 [Natural Cork]
- UPC: 8 72887 00022 6
- SCC: 1 08 72887 00022 3
- Case (in.): 12.2" x 13" x 9.9"