

Bernard Foucher

CABERNET FRANC · 2019

WINE OF ORIGIN PAARL

Wines are made not only for the moment of drinking, but for patience, memory, and time.

THE VINEYARD

Bernard Foucher is the flagship expression of La Luandière. A Cabernet Franc grown on the higher terraces of the farm, where the vines are exposed to generous sunlight, cooling air movement, and sweeping views across the valley and Klein Drakenstein Mountains.

The sandy clay loam soils bring structure, depth, and a fine tannin profile, while the site itself gives the wine its aromatic precision. Cabernet Franc is a cultivar that reveals everything: soil, climate, season, and cellar decisions. It cannot be forced. It must be guided.

IN THE CELLAR

At La Luandière, the wines are made with an old-world understanding of time. They are not rushed into early charm or shaped for immediate applause. Each wine is allowed to carry the rhythm of the farm: the warmth of Paarl, the cooling breath from the Klein Drakenstein Mountains, the quiet strength of the soils, and the patience of traditional cellar work.

Our winemaking philosophy is one of minimal intervention, careful extraction, and long maturation. Fermentation is handled gently, with respect for the fruit and the natural structure of each cultivar. The wines are matured in French oak for approximately twelve months, then given further time in bottle before release. This extended ageing allows the wines to settle, integrate, and reveal themselves slowly.

TASTING NOTES

The bottle weight and wax seal prepare you for a premium wine and there is no disappointment. The ruby-red gleam and sombre, ripely fruited nose

reveal none of the green tomato notes of this variety's past, this is lush with a vibrant fruit core of mulberry, cherry, plums and currants.

It balances a warm climate fruit opulence without being overcooked, there is a generous succulence of mixed berries whilst staying elegant, supple and fine grained.

Quality oak and moderate alcohol are perfectly integrated in a wine of serious quality, complexity and length, juicy enough, accessible in youth yet showing finely polished harmony.

A touch of sediment shows the "minimal intervention" style of a wine built to age gracefully, but few will manage to abstain that long.

CELLARING

These are wines made to age, not simply to survive time, but to become more complete through it. With patience, the fruit softens, the tannins become finer, the oak folds into the wine, and the deeper notes of earth and mineral texture begin to emerge.

Our ageing philosophy is especially visible in this wine. Bernard Foucher is not made to be overly polished or immediately obvious. It is made with restraint, so that the structure, freshness, and aromatic detail remain intact. The goal is not to create a wine that shouts when young, but one that speaks more deeply with every passing year.

This is a wine of memory, lineage, and place; elegant, intelligent, and quietly formidable.

