

Susanne Foucher

RED BLEND · 2019

WINE OF ORIGIN PAARL

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

THE BLEND

Susanne Foucher brings together the farm's red blend varieties into a wine of harmony, structure, and inheritance. Cabernet Sauvignon contributes backbone, depth, and dark fruit; Malbec brings softness, roundness, and generosity; Cabernet Franc adds perfume, freshness, and fine aromatic detail.

The components are shaped by Paarl's warm days, the cooling influence of the Klein Drakenstein Mountains, and the farm's structured sandy clay loam soils. This combination gives the blend its richness, but also its balance. It is generous without being excessive, firm without being severe.

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

Vibrant garnet sheen on a muted ruby tint, this is just mid-depth and very attractive. There are ripe berry notes on the nose, some dark cherry, dried herbs and suggestions of foraging for winter fruits, it is graceful and restrained somewhat, which adds to its allure.

Flavours are of cranberry, wild and mildly spiced stewed berry compote, warm and generous, but what strikes first is the seamless and silky mouthfeel, it is beautifully balanced.

Tannins are soft and so fine, the wine is full but not overdone, there is a graceful charm that gradually reveals itself beyond an obviously impressive entry, a wine which endears itself rather than flatters to deceive.

Sleek, harmonious and with invisible alcohol and oak supporting rather than leading, this is a very fine wine, approachable in youth but with the quality to age nicely.

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, spice, and dried herbs begin to emerge.

This is a wine made for the table, for conversation, for family gatherings, and for future occasions. It carries the warmth of Paarl, the discipline of traditional winemaking, and the patience of a family story still unfolding.

