

Vinum Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

The deep, shiny cherry hue and smooth, rich spicy nose combine to put you in a good mood before the wine even hits your tongue. Individual flavours, layered structure & generous fruit. Vinum's aim is to combine the classic structure of Old World Cabs, with a nod to the warmth of the New World's accessible flavours. Intelligent oaking compliments rather than dominates the fruit, allowing it to reflect its origin's natural flavours. Cigar box, blueberry, spiciness, cherry and mocha mingle seamlessly, bridging the lapse between sips. Finishing with a fresh minerality which will allow the wine an exciting future.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : The Winery of Good Hope

winemaker : Team Effort

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 14.0 % vol **rs** : 1.95 g/l **pH** : 3.7 **ta** : 5.5 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Screwcap

in the vineyard : 5 selected vineyards, 3 located on the footslopes of the prestigious Helderberg Mountain and the other 2 on the heights of Devon Valley. The Helderberg vineyards facing the ocean in a south-easterly & south-westerly orientation whilst the Devon Valley vineyard faces south and south-westerly, also on the Coastal side of Stellenbosch. Both areas benefiting from cooling Maritime breezes.

about the harvest: 2006 was a beautifully balanced vintage with just about perfect conditions all year. Especially pleasing were the cooler summer evenings, perfect for making wines with natural balance. This in-turn leading to lovely flavours and pristine grape quality. Yields were naturally restrained although we still green harvested towards the end of veraison to under 40hl/ha.

Cabernet Sauvignon is always our latest varietal to ripen and we were fortunate to benefit from these cooler conditions and timeous rainfalls, which allowed the Cab to hang for a further 10 days or so, allowing for fuller phenolic ripeness of the berries.

Picking was carried-out into small lug boxes, byhand. The grapes passed-over our sorting table, also manually.

