

Zonnebloem Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Colour: Intense dark red.

Bouquet: Aromas of blackcurrants, dark berries, raspberries and oak spice.

Palate: A full-bodied, smoky Cabernet Sauvignon with ripe plum and raspberry fruit flavours and hints of cloves and oak spice. Excellent integration of fruit and juicy tannins, with a lingering finish.

Excellent enjoyed on its own or served with roasts, grilled red meat dishes and savoury pastas.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Zonnebloem Wines

winemaker : Bonny van Niekerk

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13.72 % vol rs : 3.50 g/l pH : 3.69 ta : 5.54 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Full **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size** : 750ml **closure** : Cork

Since 1856 Zonnebloem has been creating wines that speak to the values of fine craftsmanship. Our award-winning range combines the best of the old and new worlds to ensure that every bottle becomes a modern classic.

Crafting Contemporary Classics

South African wines so often tread the line between the old world and the new and for Zonnebloem's range of award winning wines, this balance between classic and contemporary is ever present. Zonnebloem is a brand that stands for craftsmanship in all its forms. After all craft is at the heart of the winemaking process, from the farms that produce our grapes who use the earth as their canvas to create the fruit which lends our wines their rich, distinctive character; to the winemakers who use the skills they have learned and developed over decades to create the rich varietals and blends that make up the Zonnebloem staple. Our commitment to craft doesn't end with the bottled product, Zonnebloem invests in craftsmen and artisans to ensure that every bottle is presented, and enjoyed, in a way that speaks to the craft that went into its creation.

A Culture of Excellence

Zonnebloem has a storied history going back to the establishment of the original estate in 1692, but the true story of Zonnebloem Wines starts in 1856 when the original estate was divided between the sons of Petrus Malherbe. One of his sons named his portion Zonnebloem. The farm was later purchased by the Furter family and in 1940 Frederik Furter's granddaughter Marie took over winemaking at the estate and met with almost instant success winning three trophies at the prestigious Cape Wine Show. She went on to repeat this feat a further three times. It is stories like this that inspire us, and it is why we strive to seek out and recognise excellence in craftsmanship wherever we may find it, because what is excellent today, would have been excellent in the past and will still be considered excellent tomorrow.

in the vineyard : *Annelie Viljoen (Viticulturnist)*

The grapes were sourced from vineyards in the Devon Valley, Stellenbosch Kloof, Helderberg and Jonkershoek areas. Grown on slopes that face in south and south-westerly directions to ensure cooler microclimates, the vineyards yielded an average of 8 to 10 tons per hectare.

about the harvest:

The grapes were harvested by hand from mid to end March at 25° Balling.

Yield: 8 - 10 tons per hectare



in the cellar : *The Craft of Viniculture: Deon Boshoff (Cellar Master) / Bonny van Niekerk (Winemaker)*

The grapes were harvested by hand in March at 25° Balling. Fermentation on the skins took place for 10 to 12 days. More than half of the wine was matured in 300-litre French oak barrels, medium-toasted and from a variety of coopers. The remaining portion of wine was left to mature on French and Hungarian oak staves in stainless steel tanks.