

## Douglas Green Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Deep ruby with a bright edge. Intense dark berries and black currant aromas with attractive gentle smoky oak notes. A succulent medium bodied entry with delicious winterberry flavours supported by well defined ripe tannins for a softly textured juicy finish that lingers.

A supple Cabernet Sauvignon with vibrant fruit and soft tannins allowing for easy drinking on its own or with your favourite sizzling steak, meaty roasts with rich gravy, hearty stews or tomato based Italian food.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**winery :** Douglas Green Wines

**winemaker :** Jaco Potgieter

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 4.0 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

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

### ageing :

Drinking well now or within 3 years of vintage.

Intense blackcurrant succulence

**in the vineyard :** Winemakers expected the worst but were surprised to find harvest 2018 to provide some of the best wines in memory.

Harvest 2018 was expected to be a challenging vintage, due to the Western Cape suffering from the worst drought in decades. Jaco says that although these challenges resulted in über-concentrated flavours and intensity, these positives proved to put winemakers' skills to the test: "Thicker skins resulted in less juice and overall volume. We had to work exceedingly careful to ensure we really extracted every drop of sap, and not too much tannin in turn" - especially since the Douglas Green winemaking team strives for easy drinking wines from the moment it is bottled.

Grapes were selected from the Swartland region for chunky tannins and expressive fruit to complement the finer structure of the fruit from the Robertson area.

### in the cellar :

Fermented on the skins at 24° - 28° C until dry. After pressing, the young wine was allowed to complete malolactic fermentation on French oak staves, then left for a further 3 months of wood maturation. Final blending and bottling takes place at our cellars in Wellington.

Wine of Origin Western Cape (Swartland and Robertson)

