

## Benguela Cove Malbec 2017

Imagine sinking your nose into a bouquet of freshly cut red roses. This Malbec sticks its neck out with confidence, displaying vivid aromas of plum, liquorice and cherries. The fruit is caressed with a cool, spicy note that adds freshness. Tightly knit tannins and an electric purple hue are indicative of youth and longevity.

With a great stature, this wine invites a feast of flavour. And if it can be done over a fire, all the better. It's time to let the unsung hero meat cuts shine, like a hanger steak.

Ribeye, blue cheese & figs, chile con carne, roasted aubergines & Parmesan

**variety :** Malbec | 100% Malbec

**winery :** Benguela Cove Lagoon Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Johann Fourie

**wine of origin :** Walker Bay

**analysis :** alc : 14.61 % vol   rs : 2.8 g/l   pH : 3.48   ta : 5.7 g/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry

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

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**in the vineyard :** Dowsed with all the privileges from a cool climate, Walker Bay has become synonymous with outstanding South African Pinot Noir. On the oceans edge, the vineyard enjoys cool daytime temperatures that drop at night with a beneficial diurnal range that aids in even ripening.

Slope: south east and south west facing vineyards | Soil: predominantly weathered shale and iron laterites, high calcium content.

Block: 3.5 hectares, dryland

Clones: 777, 115 - all grapes are estate grown.

**about the harvest:** Grapes were handpicked.

**in the cellar :** Grapes were handpicked at optimal potential with selected bunch and berry sorting in the cellar. Partially whole bunch fermented to retain freshness and texture; the four day cold soak encouraged maximum fruit and colour extraction. The juice was inoculated, followed by gentle punch downs twice a day. After alcoholic fermentation, it was pressed, settled and transferred to barrel for malolactic fermentation.

Maturation: 18 months, 30% new French oak barrels | Production: 11 barrels

