

Rietvallei Estate 2016

This complex blend of 31% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Shiraz 15% Petit Verdot, 12% Tinta Barocca, 12% Cinsault, 10% Roobernet and 3% Cabernet Franc is truly a unique wine, representing all that is Rietvallei Estate.

This beautifully elegant wine goes with anything hearty, wholesome and rich that can range from seafood to red meat.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 31% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Shiraz, 15% Petit Verdot, 12% Tinta Barocca, 12% Cinsault, 10% Roobernet, 3% Cabernet Franc

winery : Rietvallei Wine Estate

winemaker : Kobus Burger

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 13.84 % vol rs : 3.5 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 6.0 g/l va : 0.75 g/l so2 : 121 mg/l fso2 : 16 mg/l

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

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

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in the vineyard : South African vineyards aren't bound by a tightly controlled appellation system as found in some European countries. Local viticulturists are free to cultivate and explore any varieties that may best express the diversity and potential of their soils.

about the harvest: Grapes were handpicked.

in the cellar :

Rietvallei's sixth-generation proprietor and winemaker Kobus Burger was curious to see what distinctive blend might be created from a vintage that was fixed in time and place as if by decree.

On 18 March 2016, a limited number of cases of grapes were hand-picked from each of Rietvallei's prize vineyards, roughly in proportion to their acreage on the farm. The grapes were then all fermented together in a single tank and matured for 36 months in 300 litre French oak barrels. After bottling a further 12 months of bottle maturation was allowed before final packaging and release.

