

Warwick Trilogy 2018

Deep garnet in colour, with a ruby red rim. Aromas of cassis, lavender, cedarwood, cigar box on the first approach. As the wine breaths it shows more crème de cassis and blackberries. The palate is rich and concentrated with intensity and structure. Black berries and cassis follow from the initial aromas through onto a complex aroma of sweet spices and a lovely savoury element. The tannins are firm, but well structured and will allow the wine to age gracefully over the next 5 – 10 years. Decant for a few hours if you want this wine to show its true colours.

Slow roasted lamb shank.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 55% Cabernet Frank, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot

winery : Warwick Wine Estate

winemaker : JD Pretorius

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 3.2 g/l pH : 3.45 ta : 6.6 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

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

ageing : 5 - 10 years

We've been making the Warwick Trilogy for almost 30 years, without skipping a vintage! It's a powerful new-world expression of Stellenbosch terroir that sets itself apart; not only by being Cabernet Franc-fronted, but also through its multiple international awards.

in the cellar : Each component was harvested separately, de-stemmed and hand sorted into tank. The wines spent between 20 and 40 days on the skins, depending on their tannin structure with three or four pump-overs per day. Once the fermentation is completed the wines are pressed to undergo malolactic fermentation in barrel and tank. After completion, the wine was racked to French oak barrels (55% new, 2% third fill and 42% fourth fill) for a period of 24 months before a strict selection process, where only the best barrels from the best blocks are selected. Components are blended and allowed to clarify naturally before filtration and bottling.

