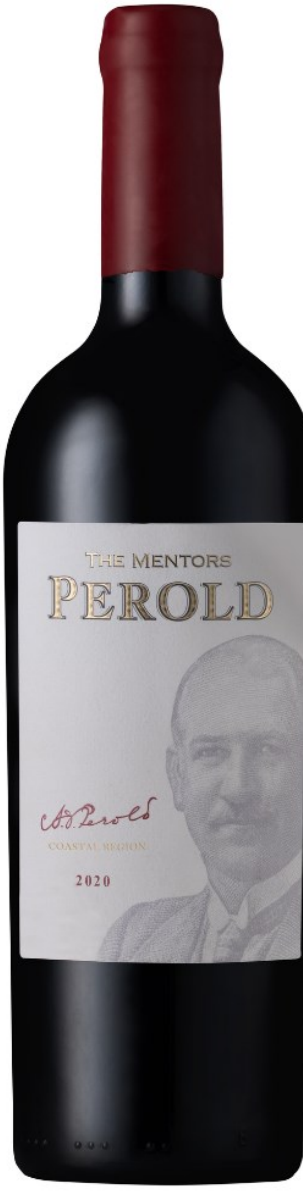
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The Mentors Perold Tributum 2020

This elegant and distinguished Cape Blend shows layers of fruitcake, anise and cranberry with lifted perfume, floral and marzipan aromas, and a touch of cigar box and pencil shavings. On the palate the structure is restrained and focused yet supple with sweet textured tannins and a finish of lingering intensity.

This wine can be savoured on its own or paired with hearty winter dishes such as oxtail and lamb shank.



variety : Pinotage | 40% Pinotage, 30% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petite Sirah, 10% Malbec
winery : The Mentors
winemaker : Izéle van Blerk
wine of origin : Coastal Region
analysis : **alc :** 14.55 % vol **rs :** 3.21 g/l **pH :** 3.46 **ta :** 6.12 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

2024 Veritas Awards - Duimpie Bayly Vertex Award
2024 Mundus Vini - Grand Gold
2024 Decanter Awards - Silver
2024 International Wine Challenge - Silver
2023 Veritas Awards - Double Gold
2022 Perold Absa Cape Blend Top 5 - Winner

ageing :

Enjoy now or cellar for eight to ten years from vintage.

This wine is a blend of varieties from regions and sites that have consistently produced wines of outstanding quality and style. In making The Mentors Perold we set out to produce a wine that over time will be recognized as the ultra-premium benchmark in South Africa. Only the best varieties, regions and sites are therefore considered.

Our winemaking focuses on balanced structure, concentration and finesse. We utilize a combination of whole-berry fermentation and gentle pump-overs to ensure every bit of flavour is captured, with Pinotage taking priority.

For this specific wine, the bunches were handpicked and sorted to ensure only the best of each variety went into the blend. After fermentation, the most promising wines of each cultivar were chosen to mature further in barrel. After 12 months, the best wines were singled out and aged for another six months. This wine is truly about selecting the best-of-the-best.

in the vineyard :
The 2019 season showed great promise with improved winter rains. However, variable weather conditions, with continuous temperature fluctuations, resulted in inconsistent bud break, uneven flowering and set. Followed by slow and uneven ripening. Reds were most affected and overall yields were down. White varieties, except for the lower yields on Sauvignon Blanc, were as expected. The challenges are not without rewards: whites are bright and flavourful with good aromatics. Reds have soft tannins with rich fruit and generosity.

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in the cellar :

After fermentation, the most promising wines of each cultivar were chosen to mature further in barrel. After 12 months, the best wines were singled out and aged for another six months. This wine is truly about selecting the best-of-the-best. The wine was matured for 18 months in first-fill French oak barrels.