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David Finlayson Camino Africana Cabernet Franc 2021

Depth, structure, bold fruit and suave, juicy tannins – all bolstered with classy wood regimen – make for unmistakable quality.



variety : Cabernet Franc | 100% Cabernet Franc
winery : Edgebaston Vineyard I David Finlayson Wines
winemaker : David Finlayson
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 13.34 % vol **rs :** 1.6 g/l **pH :** 3.49 **ta :** 6.1 g/l **va :** 0.85 g/l **so2 :** 100 mg/l **fso2 :** 31 mg/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

2024 Platter's Wine Guide - 4½ Stars
2023 James Suckling Tasting report - 90 Points

ageing :

A wine for maturation and enjoyment when the time is truly ripe for the reward.

in the vineyard :
With all the hype for resurrected old vine projects and natural wines, David's "Camino Africana" project seeks to kill 2 birds with one stone. This is the oldest Cab Franc vineyard in Stellenbosch – planted in 1985. The vineyard is in fairly poor condition and its upkeep and rejuvenation is constant and ongoing.

in the cellar :
The 5 tons Cab Franc grapes were carefully sorted and crushed whole berry into a 5 ton fermenter. After 3 days cold soak and allowing spontaneous fermentation to take place, pumpovers occurred 3 times per day for 14 days. 10 days post ferment maceration was followed by a soft press and further 24 months maturation in 30% New and 70% Second Fill 300 litre Allier Hogshead barrels. Bottled with minimal filtration and no fining to maintain the wine's fine structure. This is as non-interventionist as he could manage. The fruit is pure and very expressive, and challenges the notion that this grape should be used for blending.

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