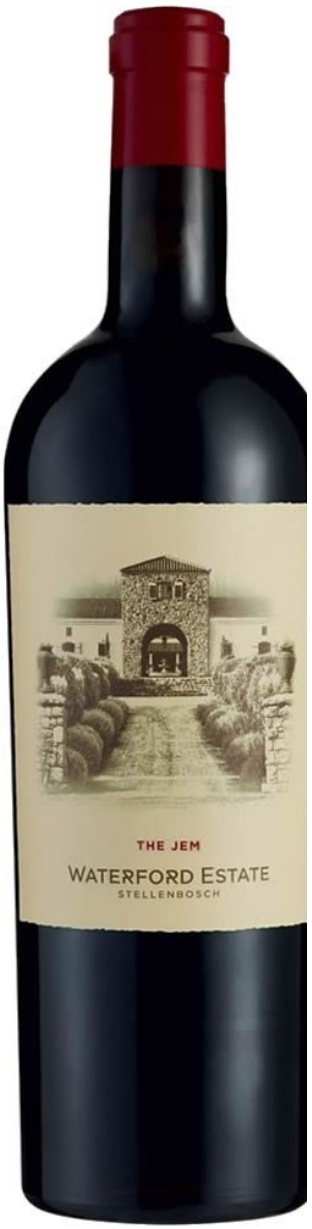
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Waterford Estate The Jem 2016

The Jem is a physical expression of the philosophy at Waterford Estate and reflects the diversity and unique character of the South African
people and Winelands. The intricacies of the nose demonstrates the complexity of The Jem Blend, with the nose showing an umami character underpinned by an earthy note as a result of our unique character on the Helderberg Mountain. The complexity of the nose is reinforced with black and red berry fruits, baked cinnamon and soft oaky vanilla notes. The palate follows the effortless complexity of the nose with classical tannins and a bright, balancing acidity adding to the well-integrated body of the wine. The renowned classic minerality found in Waterford Estate's wines adds richness and tension to the blend. Furthermore, the layers of the blend contribute to a lingering finish, amplifying its complexity.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Shiraz, 8% Cabernet franc, 7% Mourvedre, 6% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot, 3%Barbera. 2% Sangiovese
winery : Waterford Estate
winemaker : Mark Le Roux
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.1 % vol **rs :** 1.6 g/l **pH :** 3.63 **ta :** 5.28 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

2021 Tim Atkin SA report - 96 Points
2022 Platter Wine Guide - 5 Stars

ageing : EVOLUTION AFTER 10 YEARS
This wine displays consistently in terms of its colour and expression, but with evolutionary notes of Cuban cigars and spiced cedar, mulberry and damson fruit leads to further exploration of the clove and pepper spice. The wine remains youthful and poised with elegant silky tannins which grip the palate.

EVOLUTION AFTER 15 YEARS
Chocolate and liquorice, with a hint of incense, and forest floor. Cherry, leather and blackberries are constant with wonderful clove and Indonesian spices. The wine remains generous and youthful, driven through the grape first, ensuring longevity and ageing potential.

At Waterford Estate, we embrace the harmonious collaboration between nature and the delicate balance of artistry and science to create truly authentic Fine Wines. Our wines embody a profound sense of place, culture, and an unwavering dedication to excellence. With a deep-rooted belief in transcending boundaries, we craft wines that offer a sensory journey, capturing the true essence of the Helderberg Mountain's terroir.

in the cellar : All the components are vinified as individual batches, with fermentation lasting around 6 months. After this stage, the blend is meticulously composed and aged together for a total of 20 months, undergoing two rackings during the maturation process. This careful approach ensures a perfectly balanced and harmonious final product.

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