

## Anthonij Rupert Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

Layered nose of inviting tea leaf, violets, dark Christmas cake and blackcherries. The palate is also layered, rich with those same elements – Christmas cake sumptuousness vying with brewed tea, tomato leaf and spicy, cedary hints from time in barrel. Seductive, plush and elegantly refined but with a muscular power lurking deep down, this is an impressive, structured but rewarding wine. The integration of wood and fruit is impressive and it is beautifully balanced and long. The aftertaste lingers. A wine made for the long haul.

This wine pairs well with beef and lamb.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot

**winery :** Anthonij Rupert Wyne

**winemaker :** Dawie Botha

**wine of origin :** Franschhoek

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol    rs : 2.6 g/l    pH : 3.60    ta : 5.9 g/l

**type :** Red    **style :** Dry    **body :** Full    **taste :** Fragrant    **wooded**

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

2025 Platter's Wine Guide - 5 Stars

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon harvest in Franschhoek and Groenekloof was marked by a sense of renewed optimism. Following the challenging drought period, higher rainfall helped the vineyards recover, leading to larger yields compared to 2019. The moderate temperatures during the ripening stages allowed for excellent flavour retention in the grapes. As a result, the 2020 vintage is expected to produce wines that are full-bodied with concentrated and vibrant flavour profiles, making it a standout year for Cabernet Sauvignon in South Africa.

**in the vineyard :** The vineyards selected for the Anthonij Rupert wines are chosen from vines planted on very specific sites and soil types. The canopies of each block and the final yield of each site was managed precisely to express the character of the different varietal and location.

**about the harvest:** For our 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon picked the majority of the grapes from our Franschhoek vineyards and used a small percentage of excellent fruit from our vineyards in Groenekloof, Darling. The harvest begins with meticulous care—each grape is hand-picked at the peak of ripeness and gently placed into small lug boxes.

**in the cellar :** The winemaking process is as thoughtful as the selection. The berries are cold-soaked for a few days, allowing the flavors to deepen before the must is slowly brought up to temperature. Fermentation unfolds naturally, by the vineyard's own wild yeasts. Post-fermentation, the wine is left on the skins for an extended maceration of up to five days, extracting further depth and complexity. The wine is then matured in 60% new 225 litre French oak barriques for 24 months, where it develops its character and structure. After this, it is bottled unfiltered, capturing the essence of the vineyard. To ensure ultimate harmony and balance, the wine undergoes an additional two years of bottle ageing before release.

Only 25 barriques were produced for the 2020 vintage.

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