

## Waterford Antigo 2021

The Waterford Antigo is a tribute to the red clay-based soils on the estate. It boasts plush red currants, subtle tobacco, and creamy oak sweetness on the nose. The palate mirrors the generous nose, with acidity balancing the exceptional structure, a characteristic of all Helderberg-grown Cabernet Sauvignon. Gentle tannins provide a base for the decadent red fruit, leading to a lingering textured finish.

Evolution after 5 years

Ageing is evident in the colour shift, as red mellows to brown at the edges. The smooth tannins and balancing acidity further integrate into the wine as the vibrant fruit character turns to a mature dried fruit quality. This homogenisation contributes to a lasting, fruit-driven finish with a mineral edge. With each sip, the wine unfolds a tapestry of flavours, leaving a memorable impression on the palate.

A delicious hearty dish pairs perfectly with this wine. The plush red fruit notes will beautifully complement meaty casseroles and a roast leg of lamb, enhancing the savory flavours of the meal with its elegance.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot

**winery :** Waterford Estate

**winemaker :** Mark Le Roux

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 13.3 % vol rs : 2.05 g/l pH : 3.59 ta : 5.62 g/l

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

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

2025 Fine Wine Awards - Silver

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**ageing :** Ageing potential: 5 - 15 years from production.

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 vineyard :** The Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on the red clay soils on the eastern side of Waterford Estate. This site allows for comfortable growing conditions leading to fruit which is plush and fruit-forward with soft gentle tannins.

The 2021 vintage witnessed both high heat and substantial rainfall. The rain provided essential nutrients for a healthy crop, while the heat contributed to excellent fruit structure and ripeness. However, harvesting our late-ripening varieties proved challenging due to excessive rainfall. Precision in choosing the harvest time was critical to ensure optimal grape concentration.

**about the harvest:** The grapes are hand-harvested.

**in the cellar :** The grapes are destemmed but not crushed. After sorting, the whole berries ferment in vessels for about 18 days. Following fermentation, the wine is pressed and moved to selected French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. The blend is created during the first racking (at 6 months), with two more rackings during ageing to assess oak influence before bottling

Maturation: 20 months, 100% French oak, which 25% new



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