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# Tormentoso

## Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

### *Wine of Origin*

Coastal Region

### *Grape Source*

A blend of vineyards from Paarl and Stellenbosch

### *Varietal Blend*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### *Production*

4300 x 6 x 750ml

### *Closure*

Natural Cork

### *Analysis*

Alc: 14.0%

RS: 2.3 g/l

TA: 5.6 g/l

pH: 3.6

### *Tasting notes*

Inviting nose of sweet coconut, tobacco and classic Cabernet cassis. These flavours follow through on the palate, backed by vanilla oak flavours from the barrel maturation.

Juicy red wine gum flavours on the palate provide a lingering, lengthy finish.

A classic style of Cabernet that is ready to drink now, but will age for a few years.

### *Vineyards*

We source our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from two different sites, one in Stellenbosch (50%) and one in Paarl (50%). The Stellenbosch “Amper-bo” vineyard is found between 180m to 260m above sea-level on a North-West-facing slope of Bottelary Hills. This vineyard ripens slowly and gradually to form dark and concentrated fruit flavours. Dry-land Cabernet from trellised Agter-Paarl vineyards adds juicy fruit flavours, ripe tannins and balances the stronger Stellenbosch structure.

### *Vinification details*

Grapes were hand-harvested at between 24 and 25° balling. This was followed by a one day cold maceration. Fermentation took place over 5 days in stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. Just before the end of fermentation, the wine was pressed and put back into tank for malo-lactic fermentation. 100% of the wine was matured in 225L and 300L oak barrels (30% new) for 15 months. 50% French oak and 50% American oak barrels were used. Fined and filtered before bottling.

### *Vintage description*

A cold winter in 2012 set the stage for a very good 2013 harvest. Yields were in line with long-term averages. The growing season was relatively dry and long, with slightly cooler than normal temperatures throughout, and no heat-waves. Harvest was 2 weeks later than normal, resulting in red wines with very good colour and soft, ripe tannins.

