



THE MAX 2021

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

WINEMAKER: CRAIG MCNAUGHT

The unique mesoclimate in the Bo-Hoek seems naturally suited to growing red Bordeaux varieties. There is plenty of sunshine to allow the grapes ample ripeness, while the cool night-time temperatures seal in the acidity and increase the potential for hangtime on the vine. With each vintage of The Max, the aim is to craft a wine that has huge ageing potential as well as rich, harmonious flavours that allow the wine to be enjoyed in its youth. The 2021 vintage is a two-way Cape Bordeaux-style blend, made up of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 40% Petit Verdot, matured in 50% new French oak barrels for 24 months before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This bold blend delivers power and poise in equal measure. Deeply aromatic, the wine offers an intriguing bouquet of crushed geranium, violet, and dark berry fruit, lifted by a cool streak of spearmint.

On the palate, it is intense and concentrated, with a firm structure and a commanding presence. Layers of cassis and graphite are framed by finely grained oak and a distinctive flinty minerality. The Petit Verdot adds depth and color, providing the wine's dense core and rich tannins.

A serious, cellar-worthy red that will evolve beautifully over the next 10–15 years.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	14.6%
Sugar:	1.7g/l
Acidity:	5.9g/l
pH:	3.47

