

Waterford Estate

The Jem

2014



Cultivars:	45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Shiraz, 14% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 4% Mourvedre, 3% Sangiovese, 2% Barbera
Vineyard:	Stellenbosch
Quantity:	2 800 cases
Aging:	19 months, 32% new, 225L French oak barrels
Wine Analysis:	Alc 14.6% TA 5.4 g/L RS 2.8 g/L pH 3.46

TASTING NOTE

THE JEM encompasses our entire philosophy and is a true reflection of the diversity and fruit on our property and is all about the finesse and sublime purity found in the fruit. Intriguing aromatics of fresh fruit, wild spice, warmth and complexity complimented by the well layered and integrated tannins to offer an elegant yet long lasting finish that is classically dry and rewarding.

VINEYARD

All the components of THE JEM blend are from vineyards grown on Waterford Estate. Of the 120-hectare property, 48 hectares of vineyards stretch throughout the property, offering several distinct soil composition and varietal choices.

VINTAGE REVIEW

It was a good, long winter, but late rains and cold delayed the pruning. Great windless conditions experienced during flowering resulted in a high yielding vintage. February temperatures were extremely hot pushing ripening and this made for a quick harvest especially for white wines. This produced the highest recorded tonnages for Waterford Estate to date. Whites were challenging but the red wines have impressed.

ON RELEASE 5 YEAR

Dark ruby with a Morello cherry rim and expressing dark cherry, soft worn leather, cocoa bean, blackberries, cloves, black peppercorn and charcoal silk cherries and warm spiced red fruit in the end note remain crafted on the finish.

EVOLUTION AFTER 10 YEARS

This wine continues consistently in colour and expression but with evolutionary notes of cuban cigars and spiced cedar, mulberry and damson fruit and the further exploration of the clove and pepper spice. The wine remains youthful and poised with elegant silky tannins which grip to the palate showing no surrender.

EVOLUTION AFTER 15 YEARS

Layering on from previous notes coffee mocha entwine with dark choc and liquorice. A hint of incense, forest floor is attractively laced in the tapestry. Cherry, leather and blackberries always a constant with wonderful clove and Indonesian spice. The wine remains generous and youthful and tannin profile, driven through the grape first, ensures longevity and ageing potential and ability of this wine.

