



**WATERFORD  
ESTATE**  
STELLENBOSCH



#### Cultivars

Cabernet Sauvignon 48%,  
Shiraz 22%, Cabernet Franc 8%,  
Mourvèdre 7%, Petit Verdot 6%,  
Merlot 4%, Barbera 3%,  
Sangiovese 2%.

#### Type

Master Red Blend

#### Appellation

Helderberg Mountain,  
Stellenbosch,  
South Africa

#### Wine Analysis

Alc 14.1%  
TA 5.28 g/L  
RS 1.6 g/L  
pH 3.63

#### Maturation

Aged in 225L  
French oak  
barrels, 35%  
new oak.

#### Ageing potential

5 - 25 years  
from production

#### VINTAGE REVIEW

YEAR	2014/2015	2015/2016
Average Rainfall (mm)	664.4	496.3
Average Winter Temp. (°C)	13.7	13.3
Average Summer Temp. (°C)	20.8	20.85

In the drought and heat of the 2016 vintage, Waterford Estate's vineyards benefited from the cooling effect of the nearby ocean and their location on the Helderberg mountain. The resulting light bunches and tiny berries yielded rich flavours and vibrant colour in the red wines. Despite lower acidity due to the heat, our cellar team skillfully crafted elegant and balanced wines, highlighting the exceptional performance of the red varietals.

# Waterford Estate

## The Jem

### 2016

#### PHILOSOPHY

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.

#### VINEYARD

The rich diversity of soils across the expansive 120-hectare farm has provided Waterford Estate with an exceptional opportunity to cultivate 11 distinct red varietals that are well-suited to our diverse terroir. Embracing the influence of Italian, French, and Spanish varietals, we have carefully planted these cultivars to showcase the unique character of these influential varietals.

#### VINIFICATION

All the components are vinified as individual batches. About 6 months after fermentation, the blend is made up and aged as a blend for 20 months in total with two rackings in between. The early blending gives the blend the most time to integrate and produce a coherent wine. This careful approach ensures a perfectly balanced and harmonious final product.

#### TASTING NOTES

#### ON RELEASE

Date tasted: August 2023

The Jem is a physical expression of the philosophy here at Waterford Estate and reflects the diversity and unique character of the South African people and Winelands. The intricacies of the nose demonstrates the complexity of The Jem Blend, with the nose showing an umami character underpinned by an earthy note as a result of our unique character on the Helderberg Mountain. The complexity of the nose is reinforced with black and red berry fruits, baked cinnamon and soft oaky vanilla notes. The palate follows the effortless complexity of the nose with classical tannins and a bright, balancing acidity adding to the well-integrated body of the wine. The renowned classic minerality found in Waterford Estate's wines adds richness and tension to the blend. Furthermore, the layers of the blend contribute to a lingering finish, amplifying its complexity.

#### EVOLUTION AFTER 10 YEARS

This wine displays consistently in terms of its colour and expression, but with subtle evolutionary notes of Cuban cigars and spiced cedar, mulberry and damson fruit leads to further exploration of the clove and pepper spice. The wine remains youthful and poised on the palate with elegant silky tannins further lengthening the finish.

#### EVOLUTION AFTER 15 YEARS

Chocolate and liquorice, with a hint of incense, and forest floor. Cherry, leather and blackberries are constant with wonderful clove and Indonesian spices. The wine remains generous and youthful showcasing depth and complexity with each passing year. The balance of the wine is on show here as the integration of the tannins seamlessly complements the still youthful acidity.