

Waterford Antigo 2019



Cultivars: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot,
3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Vineyard: Stellenbosch

Quantity: 1 500 cases
22 months in 225L French oak barrels

Aging:

Wine Analysis: **Alc** 13.0%
TA 5.4 g/L
RS 2.5 g/L
pH 3.64

TASTING NOTE

The Waterford Antigo takes its name from the colour of the soils in which the specific Cabernet Vineyard, that makes up majority of the blend, is planted. Waterford Estate is located on the Helderberg Mountain, which is renowned for producing the best red wines in South Africa, especially Cabernet Sauvignon. The red, clay, rich soils of this vineyard bring softer and plush elegant fruit to the aromatics. They also create tannins which are richer softer and sweeter to what we are used to on Waterford Estate. The original plan was to release it as a single varietal wine, but its uniqueness necessitated the creation of the blend.

VINEYARD

The majority of the grapes come from this special vineyard on Waterford Estate, with a small percentage being sourced from farms in the Helderberg region

VINTAGE REVIEW 2019

Good winter rains but still below the normal average. Odd warm days during winter but some snowfall during late winter / early spring along with some rain helped dam levels rise. These conditions also prepped for good, even budding to start the growing season. During ripening the odd heat wave was experienced but overall lovely warm days and cooler nights allowed for perfect ripening and earlier picking dates. This resulted in lovely, fresh, flavoured and rich wines with relatively low alcohol levels.

PAIRING SUGGESTION

A delicious hearty dish pairs perfectly with this wine, the plush red fruits notes will be perfectly complimented with meaty casseroles and a roast leg of lamb.

AWARDS

- Christian Eedes, Winemag - 92 points
- Celia Gilloway Red Blend Challenge - Gold Medal

