

Ernie Els

WINES · STELLENBOSCH

BIG EASY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

The Big Easy Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 is a deep ruby in colour with a pink rim, some classic dusty graphite notes, followed by oak spice. It's a classic steak wine and has great potential to be enjoyed within 3 – 8 years from Vintage.

THE 2019 VINTAGE

The effect of the drought still lingers in the background. We continued our effort in the canopy, managing water use to irrigate as little as possible focusing on our aim of quality. The 2019 season started surprisingly cool with no heat waves hitting us. One challenge that arose was the uneven bud burst, this we managed in harvesting, doing so selectively followed by berry selection at the cellar. The mild stress of the vines was eased by the cooler temperatures that we experienced allowing for smaller berries that is always important to us. During fruit ripening the cooler weather persisted that gave the grapes some fantastic hang time and development, which we usually can't afford due to fast sugar accumulation.

VITICULTURE

Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from the Helderberg region within the Stellenbosch appellation. Selected pockets of Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from different coastal regions, such as Paarl and Robertson to compliment the style. The Cinsault grapes were sourced from a specific vineyard site planted with 26-year-old dryland bush vines in the Perdeberg region.

VINICULTURE

The grapes were hand-harvested in the cool of the early morning. On the sorting table, all excess stalks and inferior berries were removed. Fermentation took place in 7-ton open-top stainless steel tanks and the wines were pumped over or punched down manually 3 to 5 times per day, ensuring maximum colour extraction from the skins. Each variety is matured separately in oak barrels before final blending and eventual bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby in colour with a pink rim, some classic dusty graphite notes, followed by oak spice, notes of plum, sour cherries, wet tobacco, crushed stone, black cherries and attractive cocoa dust. The palate follows with darker forest berry and cassis. It is juicy on the entry, but classic cabernet sauvignon with juicy fruit, and good deep flavour intensity. The fruit is balanced with vivid acidity and firm accessible yet serious and dry tannins. Classic steak wine.

TECHNICAL DATA

Wine of Origin: Stellenbosch
85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cinsault
Alc. 13.38% by Vol – R.S. 2.2 g/l - T.A. 5.5 g/l – pH. 3.67
Aged in second and third fill French Oak Barrels



| PRODUCT DESCRIPTION | | CASE QTY | CURRENT VINTAGE | ALCOHOL % | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ernie Els Big Easy Cabernet Sauvignon | | 6 bottles | 2019 | 13.38 | |
| BOTTLE | BOTTLE SIZE | UPC BOTTLE BARCODE | BOTTLE DIMENSIONS (Height x Diameter Weight) | | |
| | 750 ml | 6009880029006 | 308 mm (h) x 74.1 mm (d) 410 g | | |
| CASE | CASE DIMENSIONS (Height x Length x Width) | SCC CASE BARCODE | CASE WEIGHT | NUMBER OF 6 x 750ml CASES PER LAYER | NUMBER OF LAYERS PER PALLET |
| | 315 mm x 233 mm x 156 mm | 6009880029013 | 7.3 Kg | 28 | 4 |