

Hoopenburg Integer Bordeaux Blend 2018

main variety Cabernet Sauvignon

vintage 2018

analysis alc: 14 | ph: 3.4 | rs: 3.7 | ta: 6.5

type Red

producer Hoopenburg Wines

winemaker Neil Hawkins

wine of origin Stellenbosch

tasting notes

Some of the best Cab Sauv, Cab Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot find their origins in the Stellenbosch region. Being cooler, the region gives the wine body and fruit intensity. This multi-layered wine has good sucrosite, hints of violets, attractive blackcurrant and cassis flavours on the nose. Subtle nuances of cloves and vanilla culminate in a soft mouth-filling tannin finish.

blend information

Cabernet Sauvignon 52%, Cab Franc 24%, Petit Verdot 12%, and Merlot 6%

food suggestions

This palatable full-bodied wine pairs well with a variety of red meat dishes, e.g. steak, roast, venison, casseroles and stews.

in the vineyard

The origin of these grapes stems from the 15 year old bush vine vineyards on the estate.

in the cellar

After harvesting at 23° balling, destemming followed with no crushing of the grapes to preserve the fruit. Fermentation for 3 weeks on the skin preceded pressing and resting for 12 months in new French oak barrels. A further 18 months in second-fill barrels took place, where malolactic fermentation occurred. The wine was lightly fined and filtered before bottling.