



BOTANICA

'Big Flower' Cabernet Franc

VINTAGE: 2016

GRAPE(S): Cabernet Franc

COUNTRY: South Africa

APPELLATION: Stellenbosch

VINEYARD: Devon Valley Estate Vineyard

SUGAR: 2.6 g/L

ACIDITY: 3.76 pH

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

STYLE: Rich and savoury

FOOD PAIRINGS: Red meats, tomato and vegetable based dishes

THE DOMAINE: South Africa, renowned for its varied topography, great natural beauty, and cultural diversity is home to Ginny Povall's Botánica. Originally a Boston native, Ginny followed her self-taught winemaking passion to Stellenbosch where she found a home on Protea Heights Farms. Planting her first 12 acres in 2009, Ginny now creates over 9 spectacular wines. Her distinctly refined and lively wines awaken our palette, blending old and new world style in every sip.

The Big Flower range is crafted 100% from grapes grown at Protea Heights, Botánica's organically farmed estate vineyard in Devon Valley, Stellenbosch, where the terroir is particularly well-suited to Bordeaux varietals. The floral labels pay tribute to our heritage as South Africa's first commercial flower farm.

VITICULTURE AND VINIFICATION: Vegan and organic. Planted in 2009-2010, north-northwest row orientation, vertical shoot positioning in high density vineyard blocks of 5,600 vines per hectare. Predominantly decomposed granite, with pockets of shale and sandstone, 200m above sea level. The grapes were destemmed, crushed and fermented in open top fermentation tanks, with punch downs performed twice daily. The wine was gently pressed and racked to barrel for malolactic fermentation. It was aged for 11 months in 2nd, 3rd and 4th fill 300L French oak barrels.

VINTAGE DETAILS: The season was hot and dry which yielded a smaller crop. Ripening happened at lower sugar levels and acids were relatively lower than normal. Berries were small with great color concentration.

TASTING NOTE: An elegant, red which displays dark fruit flavors paired with savory, earthy undertones. Bright acidity and soft tannins.

PERSONAL NOTES: