

Zevenwacht Z Collection Reserve 2020

About the Estate

Zevenwacht Wine Estate, situated on the beautiful **Stellenbosch Wine Route** is a modern wine farm with a 300 year history. Owned and managed by the Johnson Family, the Estate has a strong commitment to historic and cultural preservation as well as conservation of the surrounding indigenous environment. Two prime farming locations provide the grapes for the Zevenwacht winery. The home vineyard on the Estate's panoramic 450 hectare maritime influenced property, supplies the majority of the grapes. The farm Zevenrivieren, situated at the crest of the Helshoogte Pass, provides winemaker, Hagen Viljoen, with a boutique selection of grapes that add to the fascinating variety of the wines.

Wine Style:	Full bodied
When to Enjoy:	To impress at dinner parties with a superb meal.
How to Serve:	Good room temperate of 18 degrees.
Our meal suggestions:	Excellent with fillet mignon and bordelaise sauce or rib-eye on the bone. Great with rich meaty stews like oxtail or slow cooked lamb shanks.
The wine itself:	A complex wine showing intense cassis, blackberry and liquorice with undertones of graphite and allspice. The palate is full bodied with an elegant structure that will allow the wine to develop well over the next decade.
What about the grapes?	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot
And the vineyards (terroir):	2020 was a great fruit vintage in Stellenbosch with optimal ripening conditions and healthy vines resulting in balanced wines with forward fruit expression. The heart of this blend comes from a Cabernet Sauvignon clone 46 vineyard, situated on a south westerly facing slope 150 - 200m above sea level, playing a big role in the aromatic potential and fruit density on the palate. The Petit Verdot comes from Zevenrivieren in the Banghoek Valley and is grown in rocky clay soils that adds mid palate weight and tannic finesse to the blend. The different sights each offer an element to the wine that adds complexity and definition to the wine.
How was it made:	The components were sorted and whole berry vinified in open top fermenters with regular pump overs to ensure optimal extraction. The components for this blend were aged separately in 60% new, 20% 2 nd and 20% 3 rd fill 300L French Oak barrels for 18 months.
Should this wine age / mature:	This wine has excellent aging potential and will develop beautifully between 8 – 10 years.
Technical Facts:	Grape Origin: Stellenbosch Wine Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot Body: Full bodied Acidity: Medium Barrel Treatment: Wooded ALC: 14.8 % RS: 2.9 g/l TA: 5.1 g/l pH: 3.65