



# REVENANT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

## The Story

Back in 1994, long before founding Waterkloof -his biodynamic vineyard overlooking False Bay- Paul Boutinot started a company named False Bay Vineyards in South Africa, seeking out and giving a new lease of life to the many old and under-appreciated vineyards in the coastal winelands. These treasures were otherwise destined to be lost in the large co-operative blends that still dominated South Africa's wine industry back then.

Unusually for that time, Paul transformed those gems into wines with a minimum of intervention with, for example, wild yeast fermentations and no additions of enzymes, acid or powdered tannins. Back then he was swimming against the tide. More recently, there has been a global renaissance of a more natural approach to winemaking, however, even today making wine this way at the price-level remains a rarity.

Made by False Bay Vineyards & Waterkloof Cellarmaster Nadia Langenegger, Revenant celebrates this rebirth of a traditional more natural approach to winemaking, both in South Africa and internationally.

## It's Really All About The Vineyards

The majority of South Africa's longest-lived red wines to date have involved Cabernet Sauvignon. The region most synonymous with the grape variety is Stellenbosch.

The Revenant Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards are situated in the cooler, coastal areas of Stellenbosch overlooking False Bay. The vines are between 15 and 45 years old. These mature and old vines grown on cooler coastal sites give up elegant, refined wine with notable structure and the potential to age gracefully.



## And a Gentle Hand

All grapes are hand-picked to ensure that only the finest berries are used. We harvest according to taste (the traditional way) and spend most of our time in the vineyards to see how the flavours develop. The grapes are then sorted by hand, de-stemmed and slowly fermented, using the natural yeast from the vineyard.

The wine was punched down or pumped over just once or twice a day to avoid over extraction. The Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in older 225L, 600L barrels as well as 9000l foudre for a total of 36 months. We do not add any acid, enzymes, commercial yeast or powdered tannins during the winemaking process, nor do we fine the wine, with only a light filtration and a small addition of sulphur added as a preservative prior to bottling.

## Tasting Note From the Glass Of Nadia Langenegger

This wine is complex, stylish and elegant. Aromas of dark chocolate, pencil shavings and black currant are prominent on the nose. The tannins are soft but still give a lovely structure on the palate.

## The Numbers

ALC: 13.5%

RS: 2.6 g/litre

TA: 5.4

PH: 3.48

