

# AVONDALE THE OWL HOUSE CABERNET 2003



## GRAPE VARIETIES

Cabernet Sauvignon

## ORIGIN

Paarl, South Africa

## WINEMAKER

Corné Marais

## VITICULTURIST

Johnathan Grieve

## ALCOHOL

14.5%

## PH

3.58

## TA

5.9 g/l

## RS

2.47 g/l

## BARREL FERMENTED

None

## BARREL MATURED

16 months in French oak bariques

## BOTTLE CODE

6009640360165

## BOX CODE

16009640360162

## L-NUMBER

L1503

**VINEYARDS:** 13 year old trellised vines on a north facing slope. Well-drained granite soils.

**WINEMAKING:** Grapes were hand picked at 24°B and no cold-soaking was allowed. Fermentation took place at 25°C with a portion fermenting at between 27 and 28°C. The juice was allowed a long cycle of about 20 days on the skins to allow post-fermentation skin contact. Malolactic fermentation occurred in tank, after which the wine rested in new French oak 225 liter barrels for 16 months.

**CORNÉ SAYS:** On the nose, the wine offers flavours of cassis on a light mineral structure and delicate fruit. The wine has savoury tannins and a long firm finish. It is well-balanced, which will ensure a long harmonious development. Yet the wine is fresh and lively already and immediately enjoyable (for those who cannot wait) due to its elegance and a touch of power.

**AGEING:** Enjoy now or keep for another ten years, and beyond.

**NAME:** Ten pairs of breeding owls live on our wine farm. They live in owl houses made from disused French wine oak barrels. We encourage our Cape Eagle and Barn owls to stay, as when birdlife returns to Avondale, the natural cycle of life is successfully being restored.

ORGANIC IS NOT JUST A BUZZ WORD AT AVONDALE. IT'S ABOUT PROMOTING LIFE AND PRESERVING A LIVING SYSTEM. IT'S ABOUT TREATING OUR VINES LIKE INDIGENOUS TREES. PIONEERING VITICULTURIST, JOHNATHAN GRIEVE SAYS: "WE ARE RETURNING OUR SOIL TO ITS ORIGINAL, VIBRANT, NATURAL STATE THROUGH BIO-LOGIC, A GENTLE INTEGRATION OF OLD PRACTICES WITH NEW SCIENCE." OWNED BY THE GRIEVE FAMILY, AVONDALE IS COMMITTED TO THE CREATION OF FINE NATURAL WINES. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [WWW.AVONDALEWINE.CO.ZA](http://WWW.AVONDALEWINE.CO.ZA).

