

JAM JAR Sweet Red Blend 2020



Winemaker	Clayton Christians
Varietal Blend	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Shiraz
Location	South Africa
Appellation	Western Cape
Alcohol Content	12.77%
TA	5.9 g/l
pH	3.58
RS	40.8 g/l

Accolades

"Hot Prospect" *Shanken's Impact Newsletter*

Certifications

Integrated Production of Wines (IPW)
Certified

Other

Gluten Free
Vegan Friendly

VINEYARDS:

Grapes were sourced from select vineyard sites in Paarl and Stellenbosch. The Cabernet Sauvignon from the Paarl area comes from 16-21 year old vines planted in soils with excellent moisture retention properties. A smaller separate portion of Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in Stellenbosch in soils of decomposed granite, with vines ranging from 6-15 years old. The Shiraz also hails from Paarl, benefiting from warm day temperatures and cool nights.

VINTAGE:

Throughout the 2020 season, weather conditions were favorable in general and the bunch numbers already showed promise early in the season, but windy conditions during the set and sensitive berry growth stages resulted in smaller berries and a consequently lighter crop. The season was also characterized by great variation between and even within the same vineyard blocks in areas that experienced dry conditions.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:

The grapes were harvested in the cool early morning hours. They were then destemmed and crushed. The Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented on the skins for approximately seven days, with regular pump overs. It was then pressed and racked to stainless steel tanks to complete alcoholic fermentation and undergo malolactic fermentation. About 30% of the Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in third fill barrels for approximately 12 months. The Shiraz were also fermented in stainless steel tanks with gentle pump-overs performed regularly. The wine was then pressed and returned to tank. Both wines were then blended with minor adjustments made to ensure the residual sugar concentration is within spec.

TASTING NOTES:

A bold blend, this smooth sweet red showcases a lovely core of dark and red fruit which mingles with baking spices, vanilla, and cinnamon. Deep and velvety, with a beautifully balanced acidity. This Sweet Red Blend is sophisticated yet inviting and playful—a solid sidekick for any meal or gathering.

