



## THE ECHO OF G. 2012

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**THE ECHO OF G.** reflects on the new wine crafted by legendary winemaker Denis Dubourdieu together with our residential South African cellar master. Second wine to the 'First Growth of the Cape', this *œuvre* enjoys the same uncompromised quality as G. – and is ultimately born during blending.

*Resounding Pleasure*

**The season** Overall healthy with ideal growing conditions and a cool, though lengthened, harvesting period without rain. Cold conditions in November and subsequent heat waves in January resulted in a high quality yet limited crop for red varieties and a small berry size. **Varietals** A blend of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot; selected from 11 different vineyards across the Western Cape area. **Harvest** Extreme care is applied to the picking and selection of grapes. Handpicked in small portions, they are carefully destemmed and meticulously sorted twice by expert hands. Manual crushing ensures gentle treatment of the berries. **Vinification** Alcoholic fermentation in both new French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks, with strict temperature control and regular breaking of the cap for optimal extraction. **Maturation** 18 months in mostly new French oak barrels from seven different talented cooperages, thus integrating the rich tannins and adding complexity to the wine. **Tasting notes** Very expressive and savory bouquet with rich fruit flavours of fully ripe black cherries, preserved plums, sloe berries, cassis, and mulberries. Accompanied by noble, fresh balsamic hints and notes of tobacco, black pepper, and subtle spices. Rich but remarkably vivid on the palate. Generous and densely woven aroma of spiced forest berries. Finely grained but distinctively structured tannins. Finishing with hints of dark chocolate, cranberry syrup, and noble Bourbon Vanilla - presenting a firm grip, gorgeous length, and subtle freshness.

*Recommended glass: Zalto Denk'Art Bordeaux • Riedel Sommeliers Bordeaux Grand Cru  
Plateau of Maturity: Now till 2035 or longer*