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WALDWEBEN

Legendary winemaker Denis Dubourdieu teams up again with our residential South African cellar master to create the 'First Growth of the Cape'. Uncompromised quality is the *Leitmotiv* for this wine that is determined to set new standards – with a strict limitation of 4488 bottles.

First Growth of the Cape

The Season A late start after a rainy winter and a cold spring. The growth season was short and warm, with ideal conditions during harvest time, allowing for a gentler ripening process. The wines showed exceptional fruit, freshness and concentration, especially in the Syrah and Petit Verdot grapes. **Varietals** A blend of Petit Verdot, Syrah, and Cabernet Sauvignon; selected from seven different vineyards across the Western Cape area. **Harvest** Extreme care and intensive selection. Hand picked in small batches, the grapes 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 new French oak barrels from seven different talented cooperages, thus integrating the rich tannins and adding complexity to the wine. **Tasting Notes** Deep, intense, almost black colour. Powerful and fresh, densely woven bouquet of cherry, blackberry, blueberry and liquorice, playing with a base of cedar wood, black pepper, and Havana tobacco. Velvety attack, mellow and succulent, developing an exceptional density in the mouth without any astringency, providing tender and creamy tannins. A wine soft like butter, perfectly integrated and almost weightless, with an infinite persistence. Burgundy-like finesse and New World force unite admirably in a masterpiece of equilibrium, with an immense maturation potential.

Recommended glass: Zalto Denk'Art Bordeaux · Riedel Sommeliers Bordeaux Grand Cru Plateau of Maturity: Now until 2050 or longer