



First Growth of the Cape



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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 5105 bottles.

The Season One of the wettest seasons in years, starting slow after a cold and humid winter and spring. Intense rainfall increased the vigor of the vines, requiring extra work in terms of canopy management. Moderate ripening conditions during harvest led to above average yields of exceptional quality, with intense colour and extraordinary flavour. **Varietals** A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Petit Verdot; selected from six different vineyards across the Western Cape area. **Harvest** Extreme care and intensive selection. Grapes are hand picked in small batches, carefully hand destemmed and meticulously sorted twice prior to gentle manual crushing. **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 cooperages. **Tasting Notes** Deep purple with an opaque black core. Exceptional tight knit bouquet of black cherries, dark forest berries, cassis, sloe cordial, hints of oriental spices, liquorice, black olives, truffles, mocha, and underbrush. Overwhelming richness on the palate but transparently fanned-out and perfectly balanced by a subtle acidity. A marvellously fine-grained and velvety tannin coats the impressive body. The multi-layered aroma of tart dark berries, damson and sloe evolves; backed by a striking minerality with hints of cigar box, pencil shavings, and iodine. Subtle warmth in the extremely long lasting finish. Captivating personality and impressive presence, but without any aggressiveness.

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