



## THE ECHO OF G. 2014

**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** 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, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot; selected from 10 different vineyards across the Western Cape area. **Harvest** Extreme care and thorough 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** Impressively voluminous bouquet, yet transparent in structure with juicy notes of black cherries, sloe and cassis, a subtle balsamic-oriental top note of mint tea, as well as spicy, complex hints of macchia herbs. Overwhelmingly velvety volume on the palate, but immediately invigorated with striking spiciness. The abundance of the multi-layered forest berries aroma is structured with a strait-laced backbone and exceptionally fine-grained tannins. Laser-fine veins of acidity create a beautiful freshness that penetrates the baroque juiciness. Noble vanilla notes and hints of baking spices compliment the fruit in the powerful finish, with a reverberation of supple fire.



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