



# ugaba

The story begins in 2005 when Hubert de Boüard de Laforest from Château Angéhus, Lowell Jooste, a former co-owner of Klein Constantia, and Bruno Prats, a former owner of Château Cos d'Estournel, joined forces to create a wine that would combine the richness of fruit and suppleness bestowed by the South African terroir with the elegance and balance of Bordeaux winemaking philosophy. Thus, Anwilka was born.

The vineyard, located just 7 km from the ocean in the premium Stellenbosch region, spans 40 hectares replanted in 1998 with Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Petit Verdot. The poor, well-drained soil is perfectly suited for the production of high-quality wines.

In 2006, the three partners decided to select fruit displaying youthful characteristics from the more vigorous vines and vinify it in a more supple style to create a second wine: "Ugaba." While still characteristically Anwilka, Ugaba offers a more approachable style.

The name Ugaba refers to a tradition of the Xhosa people, South Africa's second-largest language group after the Zulu. Xhosa chiefs would appoint warriors who distinguished themselves through acts of bravery as men of Ugaba, entrusting them with the task of maintaining peace and order.

## Blend 2023

Syrah _____	60%
Cabernet Sauvignon _____	22%
Petit Verdot _____	15%
Malbec _____	3%

## Winemaking

The region experienced a cooler, wetter growing season with prolonged ripening due to unseasonal rains. These conditions enhanced the aromatic profile, acidity, and elegance of the wines. Early-ripening red varieties, such as Shiraz (Syrah), benefited from these conditions, displaying good color and flavor development. The resulting wines from this vintage are expected to be fresh, elegant, and expressive of their terroir.

## Barrel aging

Type of oak _____	French
New barrels _____	20%
Time in barrel _____	18 months

## Winemaker's note

Velvet red in appearance, this nose features red fruit, wood spice, and subtle cardamom seeds. The Shiraz contributes a delicate peppery note, balanced with the Cabernet Sauvignon.

On the palate, it is approachable and easy to drink, offering a blend of classic elegance with a modern twist. The elegant tannin structure supports concentrated flavors of plums and graphite, creating a rich texture. A fresh, long, and flavorful finish rounds out this wine's refined profile. Approachable now but will mature gracefully up to 5 years from vintage.

## Analysis

Alcohol _____	13,67% vol
Total acidity (H2SO4) _____	4,8g/l
pH _____	3,74
Residual sugar _____	2,7g/l

