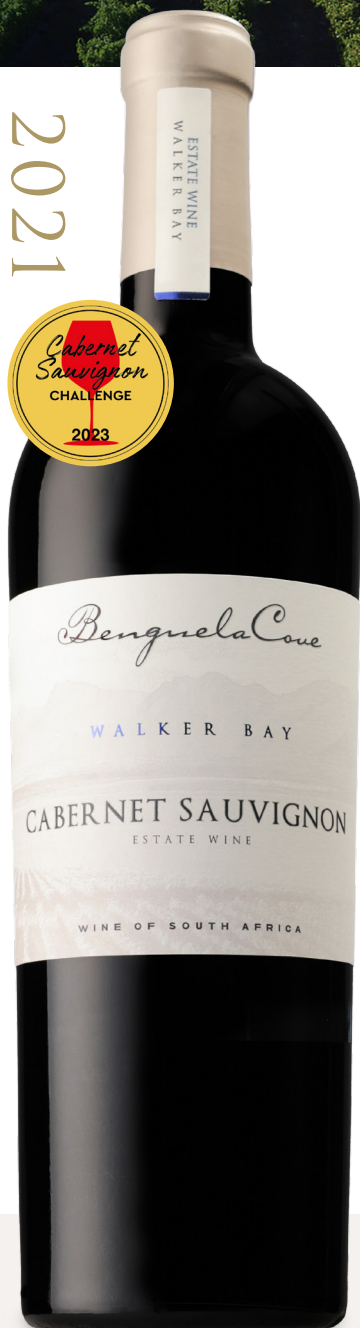


Benguela Cove
LAGOON WINE ESTATE

2021
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE OF ORIGIN WALKER BAY

100%
ESTATE GROWN



IN THE VINEYARDS

Capitalising on the natural water masses that surround the estate, ensuring a temperate cool climate, cabernet sauvignon is due to shine on our Walker Bay Estate. The vineyards are situated on the shores of the lagoon which runs down towards the cold Atlantic Ocean. Meticulous care was given to the canopy management, allowing bunches to soak up the cool afternoon sun.

Slope: North-westerly facing vineyards

Soil: Clay, iron laterites and shale

Clones: CS46 and CS338



WINE ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.35% | **pH:** 3.61

TA: 5.9g/l | **RS:** 3.13g/l



CHARACTER

Give this wine a good swirl to evoke concentrated aromas of subtle dark fruit, sour plums, violets, sweet leather and cool nuances of fynbos, strawberry jam. The smart use of oak French imparts a delicate sweetness, shaping its bold physique with neat tannins, and lifting that lovely and persistent play of fruit further on the palate.



PERSONALITY

This wine is the epitome of elegance. It is complete and made with care to create the perfect harmony between fruit, tannin and acidity. Albeit reserved at first, this wine invites you to discover its intensity and layers. A bold and unashamed style that delivers a well-integrated palate and persistent finish.



IN THE CELLAR

Harvested at optimal ripeness, the grapes were cooled overnight followed by both bunch and berry sorting the next morning. After three days of cold maceration, the juice was allowed to warm up to 16°C. To gently prod an elegant style with delicate fruit nuances, a combination of whole and crushed berry fermentation was performed. Alcoholic fermentation lasted eight days with gentle pump overs to encourage flavour and colour extraction. Pressed off the skins, after a 14 day extended post fermentation maceration, the wine was settled in tank and transferred to barrel for malolactic fermentation and maturation.

Maturation: 22 months

Oak: 300L French oak, 40% new

Production: 26 Barrels



BEST TO ENJOY

This wine will still shine 8 - 10 years from its vintage, developing richer layers as those cool notes start to dissipate. Play with pickles to complement the richness or fresh herbs to add freshness.

Serving temperature: 14 - 16°C

Cellaring potential: Up to 10 years from vintage, if cellared correctly

Ribeye steak with chimichurri
Rich tomato lamb stew
Charcuterie and strong cheese



Reminiscent of its origin in Bordeaux, Cabernet Sauvignon is certainly found its second home in the Walker Bay.



Cellar Master, Johann Fourie

