

WINE OF ORIGIN
WALKER BAY

Benguela Cove
LAGOON WINE ESTATE

VINOGRAPHY

2024
Malbec

100% ESTATE GROWN

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IN THE VINEYARDS

Walker Bay is making great inroads with Bordeaux varieties. Nudged by the lagoon with vistas of the Atlantic Ocean, the vineyards enjoy cool daytime temperatures that drop even more at night. A beneficial diurnal range aids in even ripening and complexity, ushering the development of delicate fruit notes, fine tannin structure and bright acidity. Malbec found a home here and the vineyards enjoy the nuances of the climate, resulting in beautiful and concentrated fruit.

Slope: North facing vineyards

Soil: Quartz, Granite

Clone: MC71



IN THE CELLAR

Harvested at optimal ripeness, grapes were chilled overnight followed by both bunch-and berry sorting the next morning. After a 3-day cold maceration the juice was allowed to warm up to 16°C. To enhance the varietal's intrinsic qualities, the juice was inoculated with a selected yeast strain. Alcoholic fermentation lasted about six days. Gentle pump-overs encouraged delicate flavour and colour extraction. Pressed and settled, the wine was transferred to barrel for malolactic fermentation to further smooth out its edges.

Oak maturation: 18 Months, 35% new

Barrel: French 300L's

Production: 1000 bottles

Ageing potential: 8 years from vintage



WINE ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.85% | **pH:** 3.58 | **TA:** 5.4 g/l | **RS:** 3.1 g/l



CHARACTER

The intensity of colour will romance you and deliver an equally intense palate. Layered aromas of ripe red fruits, cherry tobacco, white pepper, leather, black cherry, and violet do it justice. The rustic elegance of Malbec is met with delicate nuances of ripe strawberry on the aftertaste with a lingering finish, solid tannin, and youthful acidity.



PERSONALITY

This wine delivers pure fruit that will benefit the wine in the long run. The fruit is caressed with a cool, spicy note that adds freshness. Tightly knit tannins and an electric purple hue are indicative of youth and longevity. Distinct and delivering on intensity, length, and balance.



BEST TO ENJOY

The electric purple hue is an immediate call for intense meaty dishes and glossy sauces to pour over your steak.



This Malbec is made from a single vineyard that consistently delivers on quality. The vineyard produces a wine that shows an extraordinary level of aromas and palate complexity that warranted its selection as a stand-alone Malbec.



Cellar Master, Johann Fourie