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Background

Owner: Virginia Povall

Country: South Africa

Region: Stellenbosch

Founded: 2008

Annual Production: 2000cs

Description: Massachusetts native Ginny Povall purchased Stellenbosch's Protea Heights farm in 2008, after a corporate career in New York. Since that time, Big Flower (her estate grown label) and Botanica (made from grapes sourced from some of South Africa's most sought-after emerging wine regions and best growers) have rapidly become icons of the new wave of South African winemaking.

Wine Notes – 2020 Big Flower Cabernet Franc (Organically Farmed)

Big Flower Cabernet Franc is easy-drinking and true to its superb Stellenbosch terroir while over delivering for the price. The organic, estate-grown grapes for this gem are hand-harvested, destemmed and fermented in open-top stainless steel fermenters using native yeasts, after which the wine is pressed and racked to barrels for malolactic fermentation. This is followed by 11 months of aging in 2nd, 3rd and 4th use French oak to allow the natural dark berry and graphite flavors of the grapes to come to the fore, with a relatively minimal oak influence. The result is an elegant, full-bodied red which displays dark fruit flavors paired with savory, earthy undertones. Bright acidity and soft tannins make this a versatile food wine.

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Franc
Vineyard Region:	South Africa / Western Cape / Stellenbosch
Vine Age / Yields:	Estate-grown grapes
Production Volume:	~240 cases
Vineyard Characteristics:	Two plots of Oakleaf decomposed granitic soils, some shale/sanstone
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Organically farmed (certification in 2019), native yeasts Green harvest, hand harvested grapes, 100% destemmed, fermentation in open top fermenters, pressed and racked to barrel for malolactic fermentation Aging in 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th fill oak barrels for 11 months
Alcohol / Volume:	14.5%
Acidity:	5.7 g/l
pH:	3.62
Residual Sugars:	2.9 g/l