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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 – 2017 Botanica Arboretum Red Blend

Botanica Arboretum is the winery's Bordeaux-style red blend and is made from grapes estate-grown from Ginny Povall's Protea Heights Farm in Stellenbosch. While the 2017 is just the fourth vintage of this wine, it has quickly become a reference point for the region. Like its predecessors, the wine is a selection, with the best barrels from the estate's fruit going into the final blend. The wine is rich and smooth with blackberry, black cherry and tobacco notes on the nose. On the palate, it boasts a core of opulent plum and cassis fruit, with firm tannins providing great texture and structure.

## Technical Specifications

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	49% Cab Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 17% Cab Franc, 6% Petit Verdot
<b>Vineyard Region:</b>	South Africa / Western Cape / Stellenbosch / Devon Valley
<b>Vine Age / Yields:</b>	Estate-grown grapes / ~10 years old
<b>Production Volume:</b>	1000 cases / year
<b>Vineyard Characteristics:</b>	Distinct plots of decomposed granite soils
<b>Wine-Making / Vinification:</b>	Organically farmed (certification in 2019), native yeast Green harvest, hand harvested, 100% destemmed, crushed and fermented in open-top fermenter with 2x daily punchdowns 11 mos aging 300L French oak (10% new 80% 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> use oak)
<b>Alcohol / Volume:</b>	14.5%
<b>Acidity:</b>	5.4 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.64
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	2.7 g/l