

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon is the most important red wine cultivar in the world and also the most planted red variety in South Africa. The total planting in South Africa in 2018 was 10 233 ha (29.6 million vines). This is 11% of the total plantings. Production on average is about 4-6 kg/vine and cane mass is 1-2 kg/vine. Cabernet Sauvignon ripens late mid-season (18-26 March) and the average bunch weight is 218 grams.

Productive clones:

- CS 15** **ORIGIN:** France
PRODUCTION: Above-average production, big bunches
WINE: Balanced and structured wines if the yield is managed, good clone for dryland conditions
- CS 163** **ORIGIN:** Germany
PRODUCTION: Above-average production, small bunches
WINE: Good clone for cooler areas

Imported clones:

- CS 1** **ORIGIN:** California
PRODUCTION: Average production
WINE: Aromatic clone with good colour
- CS 23** **ORIGIN:** France
(CS 337) **PRODUCTION:** Average production, smaller berries
WINE: Rich and structured wines with good ageing potential, high anthocyanin and polyphenol content
- CS 34** **ORIGIN:** California
PRODUCTION: Average production
WINE: Good cultivar characteristics
- CS 169** **ORIGIN:** France
PRODUCTION: Average to lower production
WINE: Aromatic and well balanced with soft tannins
- CS 191** **ORIGIN:** France
PRODUCTION: Below-average production
WINE: Good colour and ageing potential, high anthocyanin and polyphenol content
- CS 338** **ORIGIN:** France
PRODUCTION: Average production
WINE: Wine typical of cultivar, well balanced
- CS 341** **ORIGIN:** France
PRODUCTION: Average production, smaller berries
WINE: Wine typical of cultivar, well balanced
- SENTAVINRA®** **ORIGIN:** France
412 **PRODUCTION:** Lower production, smaller berries
WINE: Good balance, structure and ageing potential

Local selections:

- CS 27** **ORIGIN:** KVV/Parker
PRODUCTION: Average production and strong vigour
WINE: Excellent wine with good ageing potential
- CS 33** **ORIGIN:** KVV/Schoongesicht
PRODUCTION: Average production and vigour
WINE:
- CS 37** **ORIGIN:** KVV/Alto
PRODUCTION: Average production, big bunches
WINE: Wine typical of cultivar
- CS 46** **ORIGIN:** KVV/Oude Weltevrede
PRODUCTION: Average production
WINE: Excellent wine, typical of cultivar with good ageing potential

