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# Hogan 'Mirror for the Sun' Cabernet Franc 2020

**Wine of Origin: Stellenbosch**

## Technical analysis

pH: 3.41  
TA: 5.6 g/l  
RS: 2.3 g/l  
Alc: 14.5%

## Vinification and viticultural details

The Cabernet Franc grapes are sourced from 11-year-old, trellised vines from the lower Helderberg on granitic soils. The vineyard is 2km from the coast. The maritime effect is most favourable, especially in the hot February-March months in Stellenbosch. Leaf removal in the bunch zone (during November/December) is an important practice in this vineyard to let enough sun in to prevent vegetal flavours.

The grapes were picked on 12 February 2020. They were sorted and crushed (no whole bunch). Spontaneous fermentation took place in open top fermenters with very soft handling during fermentation, only two punch downs per day. The wine was matured in 225L older French oak barrels, and was only racked once, in June after malolactic fermentation. The wine was sent thorough a rough filter before bottling in January 2021.

**Tim Atkin:** *"One for the fans of more elegant, focused styles of Loire Cabernet Franc. This is a graceful and floral expression of the grape. Leafy and understated, with rose petal and lead pencil aromas, racy acidity, fine tannins, red cherry and bramble fruit. 2022-2026"*

**Angela Lloyd - Platter Guide:** *"Has a touch of exotic in its spicy, leafy & hint-of-mint scents. These & fine-grained, lively tannins freshen, moderate ripe fruit. Youthful exuberance in this individual deserves time to settle."*

**Tim Atkin** South Africa 2021 Special report: September 2021: **93/100**  
**Platter Guide 2022** rating: 4.5 stars (**93/100**)  
**#Winemag rating** January 2022 **90/100**