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Hogan 'Mirror for the Sun' Cabernet Franc 2025

Wine of Origin: Stellenbosch

Technical analysis

pH: 3.40
TA: 5.5 g/l
RS: 1.35 g/l
Alc: 14.0%

Vinification and viticultural details

The Cabernet Franc grapes are sourced from 22-year-old, trellised vines (clone CF1) 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 24 February. 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 for 9 months. It was sent thorough a rough filter before bottling in December 2025.

Winemag.co.za – Christian Eedes rating May 2026: 95/100

Red cherry, raspberry, rose, garden herbs and white pepper on the nose. Lovely fruit expression – ripe in the best way, by no means underdone – alongside bright acidity and soft tannins. Immensely pleasurable to drink.

Miguel Chan – Group Sommelier Southern Sun Hotels: May 2026: 97/100