Dolomite Cabernet Franc

Raats Family Wines

Fragrant Stellenbosch Cabernet Franc with juicy berries, leafy herbs and a silky finish.

Country	South Africa
Region	Stellenbosch
Grape varieties	Cabernet Franc
Vintage	2022
Alcohol	13.5% ABV
Bottle size	750 ml
Style	Red, dry, savoury and silky
Farming	Practising organic
Suitability	Vegan and vegetarian



Tasting note

Red and dark cherries lead into blackberry, leafy herbs and fine spice. The fruit is succulent and pure, with a stony note, fresh acidity and soft tannins giving a poised, velvety finish.

The producer

Bruwer Raats founded Raats Family Wines in 2000, specialising in Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc. Based in Stellenbosch's Polkadraai Hills, the family focuses on these varieties and the distinctive character of their vineyard sites.

Winemaking

Individual blocks are hand-picked and the grapes sorted three times. A five-day cold soak precedes fermentation at 28°C. The wine is basket-pressed before malolactic fermentation in stainless steel, preserving its fresh, supple character.

Food pairing

Grilled lamb cutlets, game birds with red wine sauce, beef fillet or pork loin.