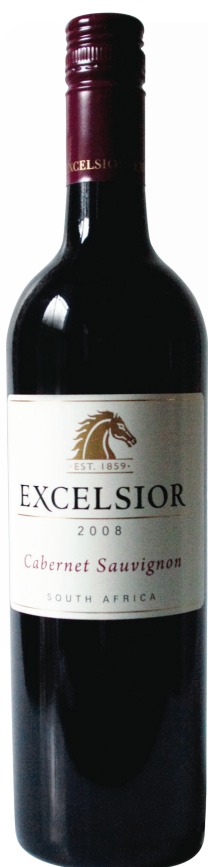


EXCELSIOR Cabernet Sauvignon 2008



Varietal Blend	86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Robertson
Alcohol Content	14.5%
TA	5.8 g/l
pH	3.66
RS	3 g/l

Accolades 2007, 2006: Wine Enthusiast "Best Buy"



VINEYARDS:

Excelsior's vineyards are characterized by calcareous clay soils. These limestone-rich soils are well drained, which allows the vines to stress, resulting in small, concentrated berries.

VINTAGE:

The 2008 vintage was cool and wet, leading to vigorous growth in the vineyards and larger berries than usual. Careful vineyard management was critical to success, and crop thinning and leaf plucking were employed to encourage ripeness and concentration.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:

The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks for 7 days, with pumpovers of 1 hour performed twice daily. 35% of the wine was aged in a combination of French and American oak for 18 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

This delicious, crowd pleasing Cabernet – consistently named a Wine Enthusiast "Best Buy" – delivers serious bang for the buck! It's packed with lip smacking flavors of blackcurrant, black cherry, and plum, with subtle hints of dark chocolate and spice.