

# Three Men in a Tub With a Rubber Duck Red Blend 2021



## Region

Franschhoek is a broad vineyard lined valley in the southeast corner of Paarl, within the western cape. The vineyards are protected from oceanic influences by the mountains to the south, which also trap southerly cooling winds, lengthening the growing season. Grapes have been planted in the region since the late 1600s, when exiled French Huguenots brought over their viticulture to South Africa and settled in this area, Franschhoek which translates in Dutch to 'French corner'. The hot climate here typically shows full bodied, complex reds and rich, fruit driven whites, there is also the association of Cap Classique production to this region. Culturally the area is known for its hospitality, music and variety of festivals.

## Producer

They call themselves 'Rebels of the Vine' and are pushing the boundaries of a traditional industry and having fun with their wines as seen by their labels. Based in the quaint village of Franschhoek, Kevin, Jacques and Raymond came together to combine their diverse skills and creativity to make great wine. They took inspiration from their surnames to become the Black Elephant Vintners - Swart and Ndlovu become 'Black Elephant' and Jacques is the Vintner! Their wines are inspired by good tunes and they firmly believe that music and wine make the best pairing - far from traditional and very Rock 'n' Roll!

## Tasting Notes

A blend dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, with a touch of Mourvedre for complexity. This wine ferments spontaneously with wild yeasts and following this is then transferred to barrel for 16 months to mature. A fruit driven wine which is rich and peppery on the nose. The palate is beautifully balanced with sweet cherry, plum, pepper and liquorice. Extended oak age adds to the structure, softening the tannins, the finish is long with a spicy note.

## Food

This wine will pair perfectly with pasta, pizza and grilled meats cooked over flame

### Technical Information

Country	South Africa
Region	Franschhoek
Grape(s)	Cabernet Sauvignon (55%) Merlot (43%) Mourvèdre (2%)
Type	Red
Style	Rich
Oaked Style	Oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry	
Alcohol Content	13%	
Closure Style	Screw cap	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	Milk:	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes



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