

## Kanonkop Kadette Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

*Kanonkop Wine Estate, situated on the lower slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain in Stellenbosch, is a renowned South African estate with a rich history in winemaking. Owned by the same family for four generations, the estate is synonymous with excellence in red wine production. Spanning over 100 hectares, Kanonkop's vineyards focus on Bordeaux varietals, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and the iconic South African Pinotage. The Kanonkop Kadette Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 embodies the estate's commitment to quality, delivering a refined expression of Stellenbosch terroir.*



### General Information

- **Producer:** Kanonkop Wine Estate
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- **Vintage:** 2021
- **Alcohol Content:** 13.94%
- **Volume:** 750ml



### Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Stellenbosch, nestled on the lower slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain.
- **Soil Type:** Decomposed granite, contributing to the wine's structure and depth.
- **Age of Vines:** 10 to 20 years, enhancing the intensity and concentration of the fruit.
- **Yield:** Approximately 7 tons per hectare, allowing for rich flavor development.
- **Viticulture Practices:** Managed with supplemental irrigation to support vine health and fruit quality.



## Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Handpicked grapes, carefully selected to ensure optimal quality.
- **Vinification:** Fermentation took place in open-top concrete fermenters at 28°C, with mechanical punch-downs every 2 hours to maximize extraction. The juice was drawn off the skins after 5-6 days for balanced tannin integration.
- **Agging:** The wine was matured for 12 months in older 225L French oak barrels, allowing for subtle oak influence while preserving the fruit's vibrancy.



## Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Bright ruby red with clear, vivid reflections.
- **Aroma:** Expressive notes of blackcurrant, black cherry, and sweet oak spice, complemented by delicate floral hints.
- **Palate:** Medium-full bodied with plush tannins that provide structure and balance, supporting a sultry fruit profile.
- **Finish:** Long and smooth, with a refined blend of fruit and oak that lingers elegantly.
- **Agging Potential:** Accessible now, with the potential to develop further complexity over the next 6 to 8 years from the vintage.



## Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Ideal with all types of steak, slow-cooked venison, braised beef short ribs, rosemary lamb shanks, matured cheddar, and hearty beef stew.



## Sustainable Practices and Certifications

- Kanonkop is committed to environmentally conscious practices, focusing on soil health and minimal intervention to enhance grape quality.



### Awards and Recognition

- **Tim Atkin MW** awarded it 90 points, highlighting its quality and craftsmanship.
- **James Suckling** rated it 93 points, praising its balance and complexity

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### Producer's Notes

Kanonkop Kadette Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 reflects the estate's dedication to producing balanced and expressive wines, showcasing Stellenbosch's terroir with a smooth, fruit-driven profile and refined structure.