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# Raats Family Wines, Dolomite Cabernet Franc, Raats, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2020



## Producer Profile

Bruwer Raats is a gentle giant of a man and his reputation is starting to match his stature. His mastery of chenin blanc and cabernet franc is bringing him praise from around the world as "the most exciting and forward thinking winemaker" in Stellenbosch.

As part of the new wave of South African winemakers, Bruwer crafts soil specific wines that embody the unique characteristics of the region. With hand harvesting, whole bunch pressing and using natural fermentation without fining or filtering it helps him create wines that are world class.

## Viticulture

The grapes come from Stellenbosch and are grown only on decomposed dolomite granite soils. This lends itself to great acidity, freshness and an extended mineral finish. Individual vineyard blocks were hand-picked at perfect ripeness during February.

## Winemaking

Grapes were hand sorted three times, crushed and left to cold soak on the skins for five days. After fermentation at a temperature of 28°C, the grapes were basket pressed before malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

## Tasting Note

Dolomite wines express great purity of fruit and balanced elegance. The nose shows dark and red cherry. Dark berries, spiciness and herbs linger on the palate. The wine has great purity of fruit with a hint of wet-stone minerality and a velvet soft finish.

## Food Matching

Great with Game Bird with Red Wine Sauce, Beef Fillet and Pork Loin

## Awards

### Tim Atkin South Africa Report 2022 92 Points

Dolomite is the cheapest of Bruwer Raats' impressive trio of Cabernet Francs, made with fruit from Bottelary and the Polkadraai Hills. Very lightly wooded to let the fruit express itself, it has violet and green pepper aromas and a racy, refreshing plum and black cherry palate. 2023-28. 92 Points, TA, September 2022.

### Vinous 91 Points

The 2020 Cabernet Franc Dolomite is now partially aged in concrete tank to obtain more delineation. It has a nose that grabs you by the labels and yells "I AM CABERNET FRANC" with potent bell pepper notes infusing the black fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with firm, grainy tannins, a savoury Cabernet Franc with lashings of cracked black pepper, especially on the long finish. This is a lovely Cabernet Franc. 91 Points, NM, August 2022.

## Technical Details

### Varieties:

Cabernet Franc 90%  
Malbec 10%

ABV: 13.5%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

### Oak Ageing

Time: 14 Months

Type: French 300 litre

% wine oaked: 100

% new oak: None