

ASLINA

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016



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BY NTSIKI BIYELELA

Hailing from the rolling hills of Zululand, Ntsiki Biyela embarked on a life changing journey to the Cape Winelands. It was here where she discovered her talent and passion of creating captivating wines. Out of her dream comes a brand that pays tribute to her great inspiration, her beloved grandmother, Aslina.

Every sip encapsulates the passion, elegance, and vision with which it was crafted. Discover the magic of Aslina, an expression of love, beauty and serenity embodied within it.



-  **ORIGIN**
Stellenbosch, South Africa
-  **WINEMAKER**
Ntsiki Biyela
-  **WINEMAKING**
The grapes were handpicked in March 2016. The wine was in wood for 16 months with 45% of the wine in first fill barrels and the rest in second and third fills. It was bottled in July 2018. Wines are filtered, not fined.
-  **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**
Sustainability Certified (Integrated Production of Wine - IPW). Minimal use of pesticides. Vegan.
-  **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**
Grapes come from WIETA-certified producers. WIETA is the Wine Industry Ethical Trade Association.
-  **PRODUCTION**
250 cases
-  **TECHNICAL**
Alc 14.5%, pH 3.50, R/Sugar 2.8 g/l, TA 6.1 g/l
-  **VARIETAL**
87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot
-  **VINEYARDS**
Altitude: 180 meters
Soil Type: Decomposed granite
Irrigation: Drip irrigation
-  **NOSE**
A full bodied wine with hints of minty characters, cigar box and lots of dark fruits. Bold palate with chewy tannins. A good balance of wood, acidity and fruit gives this wine good cellaring potential.
-  **FOOD**
Pair with rich meals such as lamb (but avoid spicy pairings).
-  **AGEING**
A wine best enjoyed 4 to 8 years from vintage.
-  **ACCOLADES**
2017, "The Most Innovative Women in Food and Drink" (Food and Wine Magazine; Fortune Magazine);
2017, "Add Ntsiki Biyela, South Africa's First Black Female Winemaker, To Your List of Winemakers To Follow" (Forbes)
2009, South Africa Woman Winemaker of the Year