



DE TRAFFORD PLAN B 2025

“Plan B” is a true “second” wine – a collection of barrels we feel are not quite up to the high quality we expect for our wines, but too good to sell off in bulk.

VINEYARD BLOCKS

Syrah 52%

Mostly from a stony, alluvial site on neighboring Keermont vineyard, which doesn't have the concentration we require for our Blueprint Syrah. Always delicious though and forms the base of the blend.

Cabernet Sauvignon 25%

We specifically pick small sections of the vineyard that have excess vigour and vinify them separately with very little extraction. Contributes structure and length.

Chenin Blanc 12%

A barrel that took a long time to ferment and wasn't quite up to standard for our Reserva, plus some left over from racking. It adds a little lightness.

Petit Verdot 11%

The best topping wine for our Cabernet Sauvignon, but more than we needed. Adds concentration and complexity of fruit.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

An exceptional vintage. Following the hot and dry 2024 season, berries were particularly small and the vineyards very healthy, with adequate, balanced growth. Ideal cooler weather during harvest time with cool nights and no substantial heatwaves. An exceptional vintage with great promise.

PRODUCTION

Plan B is produced in much the same way as the top De Trafford wines, just a barrel selection of those we don't feel meet our high standards. Hand picking, no yeast or acid additions, low SO₂, no fining or filtering are standard practices at De Trafford.

Time in mostly old 225L barrels: 17 months.

Bottling date: 21/07/2026 Production: 445 x 12 x 750ml

TASTING NOTES

Youthful deep red / purple colour. Lots of attractive Syrah pepper and spice on the nose with lovely brambly, wild berries, fynbos and charcoal like mineral aspects too. Youthful, vibrant palate with lovely crunchy tannins. Delicious now but will develop beautifully over the next 10 years or so. Enjoy with something delicious on the braai.

ANALYSIS

Alc. 14.89% SG. 1.1g/l TA 5.3g/l pH 3.69 VA 0.60 SO₂ 21free 63total