



Post House Cellars derives its name from the small Post Office which used to serve the local missionary community of Raithby and which is now the winery office and residence. It was consequently a logical step to associate the wine with its postal origin. The farm was bought by the Gebers family in 1981 in the picturesque area between the towns of Somerset West and Stellenbosch, and is situated at the foothills of the Helderberg Mountain. On a clear day Cape Point and False Bay is visible from the winery. This area is one of the preeminent wine regions in South Africa. The farm was systematically planted to vineyard with the grapes being sold to the local co-operative. It was only in 1996 that a couple of experimental barrels were made by Nick Gebers. Situated 7km from the False Bay coast a breach in the coastal ridge channels the south and south west winds towards the vineyards. These being generally cool breezes; they help moderate summer temperatures. The property covers a total of 71 hectares of which 45 hectares falls under vineyard. As of 2004 the vineyard comprises of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, Petite Verdot, Pinotage and Chenin Blanc.

The Wine: Post House Penny Black 2014

The name **Penny Black** refers to the first stamp that was ever printed as well as to the dark inky black colour of the wine.

A blend of Shiraz 35%, Merlot 33%, Cabernet Sauvignon 26%, Chenin Blanc 4% and Petit Verdot 2%

WINEMAKING PRACTICES

Method: The grapes were fermented separately, using **natural yeasts** from the vineyard, in open stainless steel tanks up to a maximum of **30°C**. The skins were pushed down 4-8 times during peak fermentation. Malolactic fermentation took place in the barrel where the wine had **minimal handling**. Use was made of traditional **gravity flow** and no mechanical pumps were used in the wine making process. The wines were **racked 4 times** over an 23 month period. There was **no filtration** and the **sulphur levels were kept to a minimum**.

Wood ageing: 35% new oak, mainly French and European.
100% oaked in French and European oak.
23 months in 225 liter barrels.

WINE DETAILS

Alcohol:	15% vol	Skin contact:	Cabernet Sauvignon 14 days
Extract:	32.8 g/L		Merlot 9 days
Residual sugar:	3.0 g/L		Shiraz 14 days
Total acid:	5.4 g/L		Petit Verdot 12 days
Total SO₂:	76 mg/L		Chenin Blanc 0 days
pH:	3.70	Maturation potential:	8 – 12 years



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TASTING NOTES

Stylish elegant wine with a smooth entry
Dark inky black colour. Initial nose of floral petals, also of fynbos (South African heath), blackcurrant, fruitcake, white pepper and spice. An elegant wine with firm but supple tannins. Rounded ripe fruit giving a long and lingering finish.