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### 2010 Glen Carlou Chardonnay Paarl

Entirely fermented in barrel with 30% new oak, the 2010 Chardonnay has an attractive nose of beeswax, honeysuckle and apple-blossom that carries the oak well. The palate is medium-bodied with fine waxy texture, good acidity with a light, elegant, caramel-tinged finish. This is good value South African Chardonnay. **89 – Very Good**

### 2009 Glen Carlou Chardonnay Paarl Quartz Stone

The superb 2009 Quartz Stone Chardonnay is a single vineyard bottling, fermented naturally and raised entirely in new oak for 11 months, though that is barely discernible on the fragrant, floral nose. The palate has a creamy texture on the entry with notes of apple-blossom, lime-flower, apricot and a touch of quince, demonstrating superb precision and length on the finish. **92 -- Outstanding**

### 2008 Glen Carlou Grand Classique Paarl

The most recent release is the 2008 Grand Classique, a blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Malbec, 14% Merlot, 13% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc, and it is the first vintage that has seen 18 rather than 24 months of oak (40% new). The nose is refined and elegant with blackberry, cedar and a touch of cigar box whilst the palate is medium-bodied with harmonious blackberry, wild strawberry and tart red cherries. Understated and very well balanced, this is a succinct expression of South African Cabernet. **92 -- Outstanding**

### 2007 Glen Carlou Cabernet Sauvignon Gravel Quarry Paarl

The flagship 2007 Gravel Quarry Cabernet Sauvignon has a lifted, herbaceous, tertiary bouquet with tobacco, cedar and graphite that lends it an Old World personality. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy dark berries, bilberry, blueberry and a touch of salt towards the finish that has good length and definition. It handles the 24 months in new oak with aplomb, retaining freshness and vitality. **92 – Outstanding**

*-- Reviews by Neal Martin*