



<b>Maturation</b>	Aged for 18 months in French oak barrels (50% new). A small batch (15%) spent 8 months in terracotta amphorae.
<b>Cellaring</b>	This is not the most powerful of Ernie Els Signature's, but it perhaps holds the most impressive structure and will provide for long aging ahead. Enjoy now through to 2027+.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	The Ernie Els Signature 2022 is a premium, bold Bordeaux-style red blend from Stellenbosch, South Africa, featuring notes of rosewater, violet, cedar, and dark fruit. Produced by golfer Ernie Els and winemaker Louis Strydom, this 2022 vintage is a concentrated, and structured wine with a dark, brooding, and aromatic profile. Garnet with a crushed velvet rim. Perfume of rosewater, violets, cedar, and a dark and brooding undertone of pressed ink. Elegant and understated on the palate, an intense plummy purity shines through a vibrant red fruit core, sewn with a line of peppery all-spice and meaty-savoury sapidity. A brush of silky tannins dissipates into a dry, savoury finish detailed in black cherry and cassis.
<b>Serve with</b>	Beef Tenderloin, sumac studded, duck sauce, turnip gratin. Also great with game meats, lamb.
<b>Production</b>	2150 x 6pk cases
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>97 points (5 stars)</b> - Malu Lambert, <i>Platter's South African Wine Guide 2026</i> <b>96 points</b> - Tim Atkin MW <i>Special South Africa Report 2024</i>
<b>Reviews</b>	<i>"Celebrated flagship, classic Bordeaux blend, cab-led, 60% in 2022 with 4 others. Impressively deep hue nods to whole berry ferment in concrete tank. 18 months 50% new barrique ageing for cedar fragrance, 10% amphora for boosted freshness to balance ripe (14.5% alcohol) blackberry, plum &amp; fennel core. Also in 1.5L, like 2018 (4.5 stars, 93 pts); 2019 &amp; 2020 not made, 2021 untasted."</i> - MW, <i>Platters Wine Guide</i>  <i>"Signature is in a rich vein of form right now, thanks to the shift in style under Louis Strydom, away from oak and extraction to something much finer and more nuanced. Partnering Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 5% each of Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot, this is focused, structured and refreshing, with mint, fynbos and violet aromas, layers of plum, cassis and red cherry, finely wrought tannins, racy acidity and the concentration to age. The 40% new oak is right on point. 2026-35."</i> - Tim Atkin

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