


**MERLOT, STEENBERG**

Vintage

**2021**


The 'classic' Merlot is an excellent expression of the cultivar and terroir.

**TASTING NOTE**

Elegant with soft dark fruit and characteristic notes of plum, liquorice, and mulberry with a lively edge. The nose offers cedarwood and lavender, while the broody and deep palate reveals raspberry preserve, umami and spicy clove. The velvety texture is enhanced by a refreshing acidity, while well-integrated, fine tannins add structure and a dry finish luring you back to the glass.

**VINIFICATION DETAILS**

Intensive suckering and crop reduction helps concentrate the fruit and ensure that the Merlot has good colour and a distinctive character. The grapes were harvested at a sugar level of 24-25°B, after which the juice was cold soaked at 10°C for five days and fermented on the skins for 10 – 14 days, allowing the temperature in the tank to peak at 28°C. The wine was then transferred to a combination of 3rd fill and older 225l French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and left to mature for an average of 24 months. It then underwent a light fining before bottling in August 2023.

**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.4	1.8
pH	Acidity
3.68	5.9

**AWARDS**

Tim Atkin MW: 92 pts  
Platter: 90 pts

**ATTRIBUTES**

 Origin South Africa	 Variety Merlot	 Malolactic Fermentation Yes	 Bottle Size 75cl	 Vegetarian Yes
 Winemaker Elunda Basson	 Fining Agent Patatin	 Closure Cork	 Region Constantia	 Vegan Yes