



## Meerlust Rubicon 2020

main variety Cabernet Sauvignon

vintage 2020

analysis alc: 14.55 | ph: 3.63 | rs: 2.6 | ta: 5.54

type Red

producer Meerlust Estate

style Dry

winemaker Altus Treurnicht

taste Fragrant

wine of Stellenbosch

body Full

### tasting notes

Very youthful colour, deep and dense with almost purple hue. Quintessential Rubicon nose with violets, ripe plum, cedar wood, fennel, liquorice notes and intense spiciness. Still young and intense, the palate is full bodied, structured but packed with fresh dark fruit and rounded tannins and seamlessly integrated oak.

### ageing potential

Ageing potential of 10 - 20 years, provided wine is stored in ideal cellar conditions.

### blend information

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot

### in the vineyard

Good rainfall during the winter and long uninterrupted cold spells meant reserves were adequately replenished and cold requirement easily met. A very dry and hot spring followed by a moderate growing season resulted in even budding and slower than normal, even ripening – especially beneficial for our late ripening varieties.

### in the cellar

The 2020 Rubicon is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, every parcel of each variety was fermented separately before undergoing malolactic fermentation in 300 L barrels and large Foudré. After 8 months in barrel, the components were blended and given another 10 months in barrel for harmonization before bottling. The 2020 sees the more mature Merlot vineyards coming more to the fore with almost equal part Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in the final blend.