



Meerlust Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

main variety Cabernet Sauvignon

vintage 2020

analysis alc: 14.48 | ph: 3.55 | rs: 2.53 | ta: 5.7 | va: 0.6

type Red

producer Meerlust Estate

style Dry

winemaker Altus Treurnicht

taste Fragrant

wine of Stellenbosch

body Full

tasting notes

Very deep, youthful colour with an intense garnet hue. The nose shows dark and red fruit mixed with notes of oyster shell and kelp typical to our Cabernets'. Still young and intense, the palate is structured and packed with ripe blueberries and wonderfully elegant tannins. Dark chocolate and salted liquorice on the finish. This is a classic and elegant vintage and will provide great complexity with further maturation.

ageing potential

10 - 15 years, provided wine is stored in ideal cellar conditions.

blend information

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

in the vineyard

This Cabernet Sauvignon is a true expression of the variety as grown on the Meerlust estate and draws fruit from one of our four distinct terroirs namely - The Quarry - The extremely rocky terrain consisting of greywacke with interbedded shales provides a unique substrate for vines. Shallow rooted vines on this cool and windswept foot slope leads to wines with characteristic red fruit with exceptional length, detail, and precision.

about the harvest

The 2019 season will be remembered for the difficult growing conditions with no Rubicon being released. The carry-over from the 3-year drought was still evident in what was a much smaller harvest. Due to weather conditions, budding was uneven and bunches loose. The growing season itself was relatively cool during the day and night, with triple the amount of rainfall as in the previous two seasons. Most of the blocks were harvested around the normal time, with the exception of later red cultivars such as this Cabernet Sauvignon. The harvest season was characterised by regular rain showers with more than 100 mm recorded from January to March.

in the cellar

The wine is a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and is made up from three very distinct parcels on the farm. Blocks were hand-picked and vinified separately and racked straight to barrel for 6 months where the components underwent malolactic fermentation. After this initial time in barrel, the final selection for the wine was made, the components racked and blended together, and the final wine was moved back to barrel for further 12 months of maturation. 70% new French oak was used in the maturation. Due to the fact that no Rubicon was released in 2019, the best Cabernet Sauvignon components were selected for this blend.