



Meerlust Merlot 2020

main variety Merlot

vintage 2020

analysis alc: 14.9 | ph: 3.58 | rs: 2.55 | ta: 5.65

type Red

producer Meerlust Estate

style Dry

winemaker Altus Treurnicht

taste Fruity

wine of Stellenbosch

body Full

tasting notes

Deep red with purple edges. Typical Merlot characteristics on the nose with ripe plum and dark cherry notes underpinned by some dried herbs and oak spice. The palate is generous, while still delicate on the finish, showing complex cherry tobacco flavours coupled with a fine acidity. This wine shows the elegance and fruit purity of the 2020 vintage and as with all Merlot's from the estate, will age gracefully and will gain in complexity and suppleness of tannin for many years to come.

ageing potential

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

blend information

87% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

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

This wine consists of 87% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc. It is made up of a few individual parcels that are all fermented separately before undergoing malolactic fermentation in 300 L barrels. After 8 months in barrel, the final components were selected and blended and given another 10 months in barrel for harmonization before bottling.