

# Keermont

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## Keermont Estate Reserve 2014

**Varietals:** 32% Merlot; 31% Cabernet Sauvignon; 16% Cabernet Franc; 12% Petit Verdot; 7% Malbec; 2% Syrah

The Keermont Estate Reserve is our flagship red blend. With this blend we aim to *bring to life* the nuances of both the terroir at Keermont Vineyards and the particular vintage.

All grapes used in producing our wines are grown on Keermont Vineyards. Most of the vineyard parcels grow on deep red clay rich soil derived from sandstone and granite and are surrounded by indigenous 'fynbos' vegetation. Our vineyards are planted on steep mid-slopes in the valley between the Stellenbosch and Helderberg mountain ranges. Aspects vary from North East through North to West facing between 250 and 400 meters above sea level.

Small batches of grapes are specifically selected according to ripeness, harvested by hand and vinified separately. This process is carried out gently and naturally in open top fermenters using traditional methods only. This wine spent 24 months maturing in seasoned French oak barriques before being bottled by hand without filtration on 1 February 2016. 14229 bottles and 100 magnums were produced. The Keermont Estate Reserve 2014 was bottle aged in our cellar for 36 months before release to ensure integration and improved drinkability on release.

**Tasting note:** *Bright velvet red in the glass, this wine exudes complex aromas of ripe cherry, wild berries, and cloves. On the palate, the wine has a soft entry with an array of flavours: ripe red berries, crushed herbs and spice. There is a dense core which gives the wine good weight on the palate. A full chalky tannin structure comes to the fore affording the wine a long succulent finish with dark cherry notes. Drink 2019-2030.*

### **Vintage Report:**

2014 was a great vintage at Keermont Vineyards. The season's winter was generally mild, but became cold and wet towards springtime. We experienced record rainfall and even snow on the mountains during August. This allowed for good vine growth during the spring, but also increased the mildew pressure and resulted in an unusually large insect population. Fortunately neither of these had a major impact on our crop.

Our soils stayed moist through the growing season thanks to moderate temperatures and we hardly had to irrigate at all before harvest. A series of heat waves in early February jolted us into harvest action. The vines, which had been nurtured by all the moisture, suddenly started to show some signs of stress and we needed to pick quite a few of the blocks over a short period. Harvest started on

The favourable growing conditions contributed to a healthy crop of 152 tons for Keermont Vineyards. We processed 88 tons in our winery and sold 64 tons.

### **Previous Releases:**

Estate Reserve 2013: PLATTER GUIDE – 4 ½ stars; TIM ATKIN (MW) – 94pts; NEAL MARTIN – 92 pts  
Estate Reserve 2012: JANCIS ROBINSON – 17 pts; NEAL MARTIN (Robert Parker's Wine Advocate) – 89 pts; TIM ATKIN (MW) – 91 pts; MATTHEW JUKES WoW in Money week: "work of extreme alchemy" – 21 November 2014; PLATTER GUIDE – 4 stars

### Analysis

WINE	Alc %	pH	TA g/L	RS g/L	TSO <sub>2</sub> mg/L	VA g/L
Keermont 2014	14.5	3.60	5.2	1.5	72	0.79

Block	Variety	Planted	Yield	% of blend
Steepside	Merlot	1987	2.8 ton/Ha	12%
High Road	Merlot	2005	8 ton/Ha	20%
Cottage Lane	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006	3.7 ton/Ha	31%
High Road	Cabernet Franc	2007	2.5 ton/Ha	16%
Steepside	Petit Verdot	2005	7.3 ton/Ha	12%
Homestead	Malbec	2007	5.5 ton/Ha	6%
Steepside	Syrah	2005	6 ton/Ha	2%

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