



MERLOT

ABOUT THIS WINE

The warm climate and rich weathered shale soil, contributes to a Merlot wine with expressive fruit character and soft, supple tannins. The style is elegant with well-integrated fruit and subtle oak.

VINTAGE	CULTIVAR	WINE OF ORIGIN	HARVEST DATE	YIELD
2018	100% Merlot	Swartland	Feb-Mar 2018	5 tons/ha

WINE OF ORIGIN SWARTLAND

VINIFICATION WINEMAKER'S NOTE

To ensure our Merlot has enough time for the fruit and other flavour components to integrate with the tannins, we ensure extended time in French oak barrels. We believe the natural fruit in the wine should not be masked by overt oak flavour which is why we use only 2nd & 3rd fill French oak barrels. We bottle enough volume to allow the wine to further mature in the bottle before releasing into the market.

TASTING NOTE

Bright, red berry fruit with subtle hints of herbs on a soft, silky finish.

ANALYSIS

ALC: 14% | TA: 6.4 g/l
pH: 3.3 | RS: 4.2 g/l

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