

Villiera Wines

Made with care by the Grier family Stellenbosch



MERLOT

VARIETY: 100 % Merlot

VINTAGE: 2013

AREA OF ORIGIN: Stellenbosch

PRODUCT BACKGROUND: Merlot was initially planted as a blending partner for Cabernet Sauvignon. The softer style was designed to round off the Cabernet Sauvignon. When the market indicated a liking for softer red wine, Merlot was included in our range as a stand-alone variety.

HARVEST DETAILS: In 2013, good, healthy fruit was picked at optimum ripeness – determined by aroma assessment (i.e. maximum fruit intensity).

CELLAR TREATMENT: The wine was fermented in rototanks between 20 °C and 25 °C with 30 % whole berries. Of the total 40 % was pre-soaked for 2 days and 25 % was macerated post fermentation.

Oak Maturation: 25 % centre of France new tight grain barrels
75 % used French oak barrels

TASTING NOTES: The colour of the wine is brilliant red. The aroma shows hints of wood spice with attractive dark berry fruit. On the palate the wine is rich and full with juicy soft tannins and good acidity. The wine has a long finish but is drinkable at present. It will however mature for up to six years from vintage.

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol:	14.3 vol %
Residual Sugar:	2.11 g/li
Total Acid:	3.49 g/li
pH:	

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