



## Merlot 2014

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

This Merlot has a rich garnet colour. The nose is a complex mix of black cherries, nutmeg and cedar oak. A juicy and elegant entry with soft integrated tannins. Hints of dried mushrooms on the palate.

### THE HARVEST

These grapes were hand-picked from the Estate at in the first week of March. Yields were kept low: 6 tons/ha

### IN THE CELLAR

Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel and the wine was then aged for 23 months in predominantly 300Lt French oak barrels. The new wood component is 22%

### BOTANICAL SKETCH

Each of our wines is linked to a specific flower – the characteristics of the wine are symbolized by that particular flower on the label.

#### *Amaryllis belladonna* (March Lily)

An extremely beautiful and elegant, pink flower that occurs naturally around the Cape. The cultivar **Merlot** is also seen as being an elegant, refined and feminine wine. The common name *belladonna* originates from its historic use by women - drops prepared from the Belladonna plant were used to dilate women's pupils, an effect considered attractive.

Alcohol 14.44 %  
RS 2.5 g/l

pH 3.65  
Total Acid 5.3 g/l

### AWARDS

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