



Merlot 2016

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This Merlot has a rich garnet colour. The nose is a complex mix of fresh cherries, nutmeg and cedar oak. A juicy, fresh yummy palate with soft integrated tannins.

THE HARVEST

These grapes were hand-picked from the Estate in February. Yields were kept low: 6 tons/ha

IN THE CELLAR

Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel and the wine was then aged for 20 months in predominantly 300Lt French oak barrels. The new wood component is 18%

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* refers to a woman who has both beauty and character – much like our Merlot

Alcohol	13.7 %	pH	3.5
RS	2.3 g/l	Total Acid	4.8 g/l

AWARDS

New Release