



Artisan Range Merlot 2019

Our Artisan wines are exclusively offered to our esteemed wine club members to enjoy first. These are rare and special blends that are meticulously curated, showcasing the innovative spirit of our winemakers. Each bottle is a unique gem with limited production and a commitment to excellence. Uncover the hidden gems of our cellar and embrace the thrill of discovery as you sample wines that are truly one-of-a-kind. The labels are reproduced from Karlin Nel, Vrede en Lust's winemaker, own handwritten versions of the labels.

Winemakers Notes

The Merlot is sourced from Casey's Ridge from a 1 ha block with clone MO348. This clone shows generous fruit flavours, velvety texture while adding an alluring touch of earthiness and complexity. Grapes were handpicked, crushed and fermented in stainless steel tanks. Flavour and tannin extraction was evaluated daily and managed by manual pump-over and. After fermentation, the wine was drained off and pressed. A combination of 2nd, 3rd and 4th fill barrels were used for aging. The wine was aged in barrel for 16 months.

Tasting Notes

This Merlot has a fragrance of red plums and dark cherries. With an earthy complexity to the wine, you can expect a great freshness, easy tannins and a soft finish to the palate. Matured in older French oak barrels. This succulent Merlot is perfect with Parma ham, roast lamb kebabs and a hearty oxtail meal. It is an ideal accompaniment to robust Italian dishes.

Technical Notes

Cultivars: Merlot (100%)
Ageing: Enjoy now or within 5 years from vintage
Winemaker: Karlin Nel

Wine of origin: Elgin
Packaging: 750ml
Alcohol %: 13.48

Residual Sugar (RS): 2.1 g/l
Total Acid (TA): 5.7 g/l
pH: 3.41

