

Cabernet Petit Verdot & Merlot Laibach `The Ladybird` Organic 2017



Producer

One of the Cape’s more recent wine estates having been purchased by the Laibach-Kuehner family in the early 1990s. An initial investment saw the 40 hectare property totally replanted and this was followed by the building of a state of the art and contemporary winery. Stuffed full of modern winemaking kit but using traditional barrel ageing, this is a wine estate with a growing reputation right on top of its game. Managed by the very likeable Mike Malherbe, a totally fanatical grape grower and in tandem with the exceptionally talented winemaker, Francois van Zyl they endeavour to craft modern drinkable and delicious wines for a sophisticated and discerning market. The first winery in South Africa to convert to organic viticulture in the early 2000s.

Tasting Notes

Named in tribute to the 3,000 Ladybirds that are released each January to combat the presence of the mealybug and protect the vines. These little creatures are a remarkable deterrent and avoid the need for the use of pesticides to eradicate pests. This wine is a Merlot dominated Bordeaux blend, and has a complex nose with hints of spice, chocolate and mocha. Good structure with plum and mineral complexity and a lingering finish. Showing graceful elegance, this wine over delivers on quality and showcases this estate as one of the leading lights in South Africa.

Food

Pot roast beef, meatballs in tomato sauce and pasta with bolognese sauce.

Technical Information

Country	South Africa	Dry/Sweet Style	Not applicable
Grape(s)	Merlot (44%) Cabernet Franc (26%) Cabernet Sauvignon (26%) Malbec (4%)	Alcohol Content	14%
Type	Red	Closure Style	Cork
Style	Complex	Organic/Biodynamic	Organic certified
Oaked Style	Lightly oaked	Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Body Style	Medium bodied	Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable		



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