Merlot Reserve Vergelegen 2023



Region

This famous region is 30 miles north east of Cape Town yet still close enough to the ocean to benefit from cool maritime conditions. These beautiful vineyards are dominated by scenic mountains and the region is home to some of the Cape`s most famous and influential wine estates. The most noted and important vineyards are located on the prized slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain. This small and highly rated sub-zone has fantastic terroir and is where many of South Africa`s top red cuvees are produced.

Producer

The Vergelegen Wine Estate is the third oldest in South Africa and was founded in 1700 by Willem Adriaan and over the course of 300 years has been under the ownership of some of the world's great explorers and visionaries. This is an iconic estate in Stellenbosch that has a great fusion of history, heritage and award-winning winemaking. The estate is deeply committed to sustainability, with a conservation program that has restored over 2,200 hectares of indigenous fynbos. The vineyard practices embrace organic methods across all 258ha, ensuring the land's health for generations to come. The 300-year-old camphor trees and lush gardens are a testament to the estate's respect for both history and nature. They also boast a state of the art winery which has gravity flow systems to minimise intervention.

Tasting Notes

Hand picked from vineyard blocks on ancient red clay soils. These Merlot grapes are sorted carefully before being fermented in steel with slow pump overs for soft, round extractions. After this the wine matured in a combination of 225L and 300L barrels for 12 months maturation. Ripe aromas and flavours of plum and indulgent dark chocolate, with a meaty, savoury character. A rich oppulent wine.

Food

Serve decanted with your favourite red meats, such as lamb or ribeye.

Technical Information

Country	South Africa
Region	Stellenbosch
Grape(s)	Merlot (100%)
Type	Red
Style	Rich
Oaked Style	Not Set
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry	
Alcohol Content	14.5%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	Not Set	
Allergens	**Milk:**	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:**	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes

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