



CABERNET SAUVIGNON - MERLOT [PREMIUM] 2013

Bright dark red. On the nose striking cassis underlined with cedar and a fresh ripe fruit character. On the palate the freshness carries through with a sprightly, lingering finish.

A great companion for most foods, including pizzas, pastas and meat or chicken dishes, or enjoy on its own! Serve between 16.5°C-17.5° C.

ORIGIN

Sourced from north and north-westerly vineyards at Vergelegen, Somerset West, where soil types of granite, Hutton and weathered shale dominate. The 2012-2013 growing season was long and mild, with ideal rainfall at crucial times, leading to perfect physiological ripeness. The harvesting of Merlot, earliest of the Bordeaux grapes, commenced on 5 March and Cabernet Sauvignon on 15 March.

VINIFICATION

At Vergelegen all grapes are handpicked followed by storage in a refrigerated container at -20°C for 48 hours. The cool grapes (8-10°C) are then carefully sorted on combinations of vibrating tables and slow moving conveyors, where between 1,5-3 tons are sorted per hour. The grapes are de-stemmed but not crushed and the grapes/must cold soaked for 7 days followed by a feral fermentation lasting 4 days, after which cultured yeast was added and fermented until dry. The young red wine was then macerated on the skins for a further 6-7 weeks before going into barrel for 18 months (20% new) and finally bottled in early December 2014. Released September 2019.

COMPOSITION

43% Cabernet Sauvignon
40% Merlot
11% Cabernet Franc
3% Petit Verdot
3% Malbec

ANALYSIS

Alc. 14.07%
RS 3.24 g/l
TA 5.3 g/l
pH 3.55

MATURATION

Drinking beautifully and will improve even more in the bottle over the next 5-10 years.

