

Robertson Merlot 3L

Rich, dark red colour with ripe, punchy, plum flavours, sweet black cherry and a velvet finish. Delicate wood does not mask the ripe fruit.

Enjoy now with roast chicken, beef, lamb, pasta and steak.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Vinimark Trading

winemaker : Lolly Louwrens

wine of origin : Robertson

analysis : alc : 14.56 % vol rs : 2.8 g/l pH : 3.69 ta : 5.5 g/l va : 0.32 g/l so2 : 86 mg/l fso2 : 37 mg/l

type : Red **body :** Medium

pack : Box **size :** 0 **closure :** Tap

in the vineyard : Merlot by nature is very sensitive to heat and prefers cooler areas therefore

we plant our Merlot on the lower mountain slopes in deep karoo soils that retain water well. These soils render a good buffer capacity against unfavourable weather conditions. Severe shooting thinning followed by crop control after veraison is necessary to ensure that a good balance between canopy and crop load is achieved. Sufficient light penetration into the canopy is necessary for sufficient colour formation, especially on a cultivar like Merlot. Our Merlot vines are planted mainly South East – North West to protect the grapes from direct sunlight and to utilize the prevailing South Eastern breeze to cool the grapes during the ripening season. Irrigation is supplemented by controlled drip irrigation from the Breede River. Fruit was harvested from the last week of February from 35 specially selected grapes growers in the Robertson Valley.

