

Cordoba Mount Claire Mountain Red NV

The combination of ripe plum flavours from the Merlot, the pepperiness from the Shiraz, and the blackcurrant flavours from the Cabernet Sauvignon has produced a wine with charm and elegance. Medium bodied, appetizing and brilliant in colour, this is a delightful blend to enjoy with poultry, pasta, fish, red meat or on its own.

variety : Merlot | 60% Merlot, 25% Shiraz, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon
winery : Cordoba
winemaker : Chris Keet
wine of origin : Coastal Region
analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.55 ta : 6.0 g/l
type : Red

in the cellar : COMPOSITION

A blend of 60% Merlot, 25% Shiraz and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a non-vintage wine as the blend contains 18 % Merlot from the 1997 vintage.

VINEYARDS

The Merlot, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes come from our high altitude vineyards on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountain, where the cooler temperature restrains the natural vigour of the vines, and concentrates the typical varietal character in the grapes. Practises such as pruning in Winter and selective shoot removal in Summer reduce the yields to ensure maximum ripeness, flavour and colour in our grapes. A philosophy of environmentally friendly farming results in the minimal use of fungicides, herbicides and insecticides.

WINEMAKING

Gentle destalking and crushing was followed by fermentation on the skins in stainless steel tanks. Forty percent of the blend was matured in French Oak barrels for one year.

