

Laborie Merlot 2013

This refined Merlot has aromas of red cherries, mulberries, cranberries and crushed herbs, with earthy nuances. The palate is vibrant and juicy with fibrous tannins and a sweet, elegant finish.

This wine can be enjoyed on its own, with pasta dishes that have a tomato-based sauce, roast duck or chicken, or grilled steak.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Laborie Wines

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.11 % vol rs : 4.76 g/l pH : 3.49 ta : 5.87 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

ageing :

in the vineyard : The winter preceding the 2013 vintage was characterized by plenty of cold spells and good, saturating rains, which ensured strong, even budding and replenished soil moisture. With the arrival of spring, cool to moderate temperatures reduced vigour and encouraged higher quality in the grapes. Slower, consistent growth persisted through the early summer thanks to dryer conditions, which kept diseases at bay. The uncharacteristic, supplementary rainfall during mid to late summer raised soil moisture levels and slightly extended the vintage and ripening period. Overall, the season delivered fruit with concentration, structure and flavour.

in the cellar : This wine was matured in oak for 10 to 12 months.

