

Laborie Merlot / Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

This wine is smooth and elegant, with a juicy entry. It has aromas of red cherries, Christmas cake, crushed herbs and pine needles. The angular tannin structure is complemented by hints of sweet cedary oak on the palate that flow seamlessly into a fresh lingering finish.

Enjoy this wine on its own or with a variety of roasted meat dishes, barbeques or pasta with a tomato-based sauce.

variety : Merlot | 50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Laborie Wines

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 4.13 g/l pH : 3.51 ta : 5.99 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Soft **wooded**

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

ageing : This wine can be savoured now or cellared for up to two years from vintage.

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 rain in fall 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.

