

## Kings Kloof Merlot 2013

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The wine shows beautiful aromas of red cherries, pomegranate and subtle spearmint and spice. The taste of the wine is soft, generous and filled with berry flavours finishing off to smooth soft tannins. This is an incredibly persuasive Merlot that attracts the attention of someone looking for true varietal characteristics and cool climate fruit expressions.

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**variety** : Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery** : Kings Kloof

**winemaker** : Richard Newton-King

**wine of origin** : Overberg

**analysis** : **alc** : 12.54 % vol

**type** : Red **body** : Full **taste** : Fruity

**pack** : Bottle **size** : 750ml **closure** : Cork

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**ageing** : Enjoy now or within 4 – 6 years of harvest.

**in the vineyard :**

14-year-old trellised Merlot vines yielding 5 – 7 tones/ha.

The vineyard is sloping south, making it the perfect slope for expressions of cool climate fruit.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were picked mid- March which serves as testimony to the cool surroundings.

**in the cellar :**

The grapes were sorted by hand to eliminate any large berries or unripe or damaged fruit before gentle crushing into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Fermentation lasted for 18 days on the skins before barrelling the free run wine to barrel.

Malolactic fermentation was induced and the wines matured for 16 months in 40% 1ST fill French barrels and 60% second fill.

Only 1100L were bottled of this 2013 vintage.