

## Jordan Chameleon Merlot "No added Sulphur" 2013

High quality toasted wooden staves adds tannin and structure which complements the sweet berry and dark chocolate notes of the Merlot. No sulphur was added during the production process.

Pair with rich casseroles, venison with roasted beetroot or slow roasted lamb shanks.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Jordan Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Gary Jordan

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol   rs : 1.0 g/l   pH : 3.51   ta : 5.7 g/l   so2 : 3.0 mg/l   fso2 : 1.0 mg/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry   **body :** Medium

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

Natural winemaking is easier to master when working with healthy grapes and our quirky Chameleon is proof that getting back to nature can be fun. No Sulphites were added in making this juicy Merlot for immediate enjoyment.

**in the vineyard :** LOCATION & CLIMATE: The distinct ravine which embodies Stellenbosch Kloof harnesses all the qualities of a well-orientated compass. Varying elevations and aspects allows us to grow a selection of classic varieties to specific sites that optimise this expression through their location. The cooler south- and east-facing aspects, unique in Stellenbosch, hosts the more sensitive and aromatic white-skinned grape varieties.

Stellenbosch Kloof enjoys a cooler Mediterranean climate with mari-time influences from False Bay, 14km to the south, and a refreshing breeze channelled from the West Coast's Benguela current 24km to the north-west. These two breezes culminate at the top end of the ravine and bring in early morning mists, especially from False Bay. Consequently, temperatures in our meso-climate can be measured at least 3° Celsius cooler than inland Stellenbosch during ripening peri-ods. This adds a unique characteristic to Jordan wines.

**APPELLATION:** Wine of Origin Stellenbosch.

**SOIL:** Decomposed granite and loam.

**ASPECT:** West-facing vineyards,

**AGE OF VINES:** 9 years

**about the harvest:** The Merlot was harvested on the 21st and the 25th of February 2013 at 23.5° - 24.3° B.

**in the cellar :** Fermented in overhead retort-shaped, stainless steel fermentors. Pump-overs were done three times daily during fermentation. The use of gravity and gentle pressing ensure full-flavoured wines with soft, balanced tannins. The wine was not aged in barrel as this is a micro-oxidative process, so to protect the wine from oxidation it was aged on its lees on oak staves for 7 months before bottling. No sulphur was added during the course of vinification.



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