

## Kleine Zalze Cellar Selection Merlot 2015

An elegant wine that shows loads of soft red fruit and ripe plums on both the nose and palate. This is complemented by hints of spice and other savoury notes.

The refined tannin profile means this wine can be enjoyed on its own but will also pair well with food.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Kleine Zalze Wines

**winemaker :** RJ Botha

**wine of origin :** Coastal Region

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 5.5 g/l pH : 3.51

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

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

**in the vineyard :** Grapes sourced primarily come from the Stellenbosch region, with a small percentage sourced from the Durbanville area. In 2015, we had a relatively wet growing season so careful canopy management was required to ensure light penetration and air movement around the bunch zone to ensure a harvest of healthy grapes at full maturity. Also owing to the fact the bud break was somewhat uneven and the relatively large size of the crop, we had to carry out a very careful 'green harvest' at veraison to ensure even ripening and a good concentration of flavours.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were picked early in the morning, hand-sorted.

**in the cellar :** After early morning harvesting the grapes were destemmed only at the winery and fermentation was carried out 'whole berry' to ensure a soft, elegant, fruit-forward style of wine. The batches were fermented in stainless-steel tanks and then only free-run juice was transferred to older oak barrels for maturation over approximately 12 months. Also a small portion was matured in tank to give an element of freshness to the final blend. GIAG2.



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