

Lutzville Merlot 2014

Plum and dark cherry flavours, mocha spice and a hint of eucalyptus make this Merlot a real crowd pleaser.

With its ripe and juicy tannins this Merlot is perfect for any occasion from gossiping with friends to pairing with your favourite red meat dishes. Try slightly chilled in summer

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Lutzville Vineyards

winemaker : Jaco van Niekerk

wine of origin : Lutzville Valley

analysis : **alc** : 13.5 % vol **rs** : 4.0 g/l **ta** : 5.4 g/l

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

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

ageing : Enjoy now

in the vineyard : 50% comes from the cooler climate Koekenaap to provide freshness, while 50% comes from the warmer areas closer to Vredendal to provide fruit and body to the wine.

about the harvest: The Merlot grapes are picked late in harvest at optimum ripeness to ensure good fruit and soft tannins.

Yields: 10 - 12 Tons

in the cellar : Once the grapes arrive at the winery, the fruit is gently pressed and only the free run juice is used. Using selected yeasts, fermentation takes place at between 18° - 22°C for 10 days. After racking, the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation and matures on French and American oak staves for 3 months to add complexity. Finally the wine rests in stainless steel tanks until ready for bottling.

