

Welmoed Merlot 2015

The palate shows ripe berry fruit, with a hint of mint and a spicy edge. Nose reminiscent of mulberries, cassis and plums with underlying nuances of wood and vanilla. Medium to full bodied wine with well-integrated wood, balanced ripe fruit mid-palate, and a persistent, yet soft, tannin finish.

Excellent served with meat dishes or a platter of cold meats and pickled vegetables. Suitable for vegetarians but not for vegans.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Welmoed Winery

winemaker : Bernard Claassen

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.05 % vol rs : 3.58 g/l pH : 3.47 ta : 5.79 g/l

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

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

ageing :

Ready to be enjoyed now with the potential to age for three years.

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Viticulturist: Francois de Villiers

in the vineyard :

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in the cellar :

The grapes were harvested at 23° to 25° Balling at the end of February and early March. Fermentation took place at 24° to 27° Celsius in static red fermenters, followed by a two-day cold soak to achieve an intense extract. Malolactic fermentation and maturation took place in stainless steel tanks with 2g/l of selected medium toast French oak staves for approximately eight months.

