

## Balance Winemakers Selection Merlot 2015

To create this wine our winemaker selected only the most exceptional fruit, grown in prime vineyard blocks. An elegant wine with aromatics of black cherries and currants finishing with a subtle spice.

Serve with Boeuf Bourguignon; Chicken Marsala; Quesadillas and minestrone soup.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Overhex Wines

**winemaker :** Willie Malan and Ben Snyman

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol   rs : 2.0 g/l   pH : 3.57   ta : 5.56 g/l

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

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

**ageing :** 2 - 3 years from bottling.

**in the vineyard :** The vineyards lies in deep red soils ensuring excellent water-retention and adding structure and fullness to the wines.

**about the harvest:** The vintage of 2015 commenced two weeks earlier than normal with low rainfall in many areas and strong variation between day and night temperatures which is necessary for quality winemaking. This moderate climate conditions during the harvest season contributed to exceptional flavour and good structure with a fresh crisp finish.

**in the cellar :** Grapes were cold soaked for two days after which traditional skin fermentation commenced. After completion of alcoholic fermentation wine underwent malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in second fill French oak barrels for 12 months.

