

Douglas Green Vineyard Creations Merlot 2017

Bright garnet with a bright strawberry rim. Packed with juicy black cherry and fleshy plum aromas that tumble softly across the palate with plush mulberry and spice flavours interwoven with soft ripe tannins and subtle oak intrigue for a smooth and juicy finish.

A soft and juicy medium bodied red. Great for social sipping around the fire, or with sticky ribs, roast lamb, pizza or pasta.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Douglas Green Wines

winemaker : Jaco Potgieter

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 4.3 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

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

ageing : Drinknow or wityhin a year or two from vintage

"Smooth, supple and succulently fruity"

in the vineyard : A very dry winter followed by a hot, dry summer: The winter of May to August 2017 in the Cape Winelands was cold enough to ensure proper vine dormancy, but it was one of the driest in decades. A hot growing season followed.

about the harvest: Harvested by hand at an average ripeness of 24° B.

in the cellar : Fermented on the skins until dry. After pressing, the young wine was allowed to complete malolcatic fermentation on French oak staves then left for a further 3 months for thorough integration and complexity. Final blending and bottling takes place at our cellars in Wellington.

