

## Groote Post Merlot 2016

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Berry and plum flavours are prominent on the nose, supported by a subtle hints of mint, resulting in a wonderful flavour spectrum. A juicy mid palate is supported by soft silky tannins and ageing in oak barrels.

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**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Groote Post Vineyards

**winemaker :** Lukas Wentzel

**wine of origin :** Darling

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol    rs : 2.3 g/l    pH : 3.63    ta : 5.3 g/l

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

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

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2018 Platter's South African Wine Guide - 3½ stars

2017 Veritas Awards - Gold

2015 Platter's South African Wine Guide - 3 stars

2018 Micheal Angelo - Silver

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**in the vineyard :** Vines planted: 2001,2002

Soil: Hutton

Irrigation: Supplementary

Trellising: 5 wire extended moveable perold

Elevation: 200m

**about the harvest:**

The crop was thinned to one bunch per shoot. In so doing we achieve even ripening of the fruit and more intense flavours and soft tannins.

Yield: 7t/ha

**in the cellar :**

The grapes were carefully selected over the sorting table. The grapes had cold maceration for 2 days in stainless steel tanks and open tanks. The juice was pumped over and the cap punched down three to four times a day. The juice was left on the skins for 14 days after fermentation. Malolactic fermentation and ageing took place in 300L French Oak barrels. 30% new wood, 40% 2nd fill and 30% 3rd fill.



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