

Laborie Merlot 2017

This generous and vibrant Merlot shows prominent aromas of strawberry, sour cherry and pomegranate with nuances of herbs and cedary oak. the palate is accessible with indulgent tannins and a seamless finish.

Enjoy this wine on its own or with tomato-based pastas, roasted duck, chicken or grilled steak.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Laborie Wines

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.4 % vol rs : 4.5 g/l pH : 3.54 ta : 5.83 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Winter 2016 provided sufficient cold and higher rainfall for a great start to this vintage. Regular, small rains in spring and cool to moderate temperatures provided conditions for good, early season cane and canopy development. Bud break was even as was spring growth, but flowering was not - usually due to weather. Early leaf breaks directly after flowering allowed sunlight to even out the vintage, as did early green harvesting of retarded bunches. Growth and development sped up in moderate conditions that ensured outstanding vine health. Warmth from late December to January drought and lighter yields, meant another record early start to harvest that ran until early March. In spite of shifts in variety harvest order, wine quality looks fabulous.

in the cellar :

Components of the wine were oak-matured for 8 to 10 months.

