wine.co.za
easiest way to buy wine

Villiera Merlot 2016

The colour of the wine is brilliant red. The aroma shows hints of wood spice with attractive red berry fruit. On the palate the wine is rich and full with juicy soft tannins ensuring drinkability. It will however mature for up to six years from vintage.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Villiera Wines
winemaker : Jeff Grier
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 13.4 % vol **rs :** 2.4 g/l **pH :** 3.48 **ta :** 5.45 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

SA Wine Index score: 91 points
Gold Wine Awards: GOLD
Michelangelo Awards: SILVER
Ultra Wine Challenge: GOLD Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge: GOLD PREMIUM

ageing : It will however mature for up to six years from vintage.

Merlot was initially planted as a blending partner for Cabernet Sauvignon. The softer style was designed to round off the Cabernet Sauvignon. When the market indicated a liking for softer red wine, Merlot was included in our range as a stand-alone variety.

about the harvest: In 2016, good, healthy fruit was picked at optimum ripeness - determined by aroma assessment (i.e. maximum fruit intensity).

in the cellar : The wine was fermented in rototanks between 20 ˚C and 25 ˚C with 30 % whole berries. Of the total 40 % was pre-soaked for 2 days.
Oak Maturation: 25% centre of France new tight grain barrels 75% used French oak barrels for 10 months



Villiera Wines
Stellenbosch
021 865 2002
www.villiera.com