

## Douglas Green Merlot 2018

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.

### For the International Market Only

A soft and juicy medium bodied red that is ready to drink now or within a year or two from vintage. 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 :** Drinking well now or within 3 years of vintage.

Smooth, supple and succulently fruity

**in the vineyard :** Winemakers expected the worst but were surprised to find harvest 2018 to provide some of the best wines in memory.

This is according to Jaco Potgieter, winemaker at Douglas Green, who has been particularly blown away by the white wines this year. "The white wines are some of the best I've ever tasted," says Jaco. "From the flavours to the mouthfeel and texture, harvest 2018 really surprised us all." The grapes for this wine come from cooler pockets in Robertson, Bonnievale, Breedekloof and Wellington regions where exceptional phenolic ripeness is achieved.

**in the cellar :** Fermented on the skins until dry. After pressing, the young wine was allowed to complete malolactic 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.

Wine of Origin Western Cape (Swartland and Breedekloof)

