

## The Game Reserve Merlot 2015

The nose shows aromas of fresh cassis, black plums, violets and a minty character. Succulent berry fruits and plum pudding nuances, supported by spice and cedar wood flavours on the palate. A medium-structured wine with elegant ripe tannins on the finish.

Sublime with steak, hearty casseroles, roast chicken or lamb shanks.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Game Reserve Wines

**winemaker :** The Game Reserve Winemaking Team

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 14.00 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l

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

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

### The Cape Clawless Otter

The Cape clawless otter (*Anonyx capensis*) is the larger of the two species found on the African continent. Humans are the most significant threat to this species with degraded river systems and overfishing posing a far greater threat than hunting. Fortunately through the diligent restoration of the Vink River which runs through the Rooiberg Breede River Conservancy we've successfully been able to provide a safe habitat for this remarkable creature, encouraging a healthy re-population and providing regular sightings along the river banks

**in the vineyard :** Selected Merlot vineyards from Firgrove, Stellenbosch and Constantia planted on decomposed granite soils and Groenekloof planted on well weathered deep red soils.

**about the harvest:** Handpicked at optimum ripeness at 24° - 25° B in March 2014

**in the cellar :** Aerated pump overs with extended maceration after alcoholic fermentation . Gentle handling ensures upfront fruit flavours and soft extraction. Barrel maturation for 12 months in 1st (20 %), 2nd (40 %) and 3rd (40 %) fill French Oak.

