

## Groote Post Merlot 2017

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Plum and mulberry flavours are prominent on the nose, supported by subtle hints of mint, resulting in a wonderful flavour spectrum. Fruit and acidity are well balanced on the palate and give this wine complexity and length.

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**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Groote Post Vineyards

**winemaker :** Lukas Wentzel

**wine of origin :** Darling

**analysis :** alc : 14.42 % vol   rs : 2.0 g/l   pH : 3.35   ta : 6.9 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

Yield: 7 t/ha

Irrigation: Supplementary

Trellising: 5 wire extended moveable perold

Elevation: 200m

**about the harvest:**

2017 was the midway mark of the four year drought, producing a small grape crop. The vines responded with top quality juice with lower ph's and higher acids. Good concentration and structure in the reds will see the wine develop well in the bottle and age magnificently.

**in the cellar :**

The grapes were carefully selected over the sorting table. The grapes had cold maceration for 2 days in stainless steel 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, 35% new wood, 50% 2nd fill and 15% 3rd fill.



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