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# Douglas Green Merlot 2019

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 intrique 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 :** 13.5 % 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 :** Last year's crop was very small because of the drought. This year, after a good winter rain, one of the biggest challenges we have seen is the unevenness in the ripening of the berries. The whites wines are showing excellent ripeness and acidity. 'We'll have brilliant fruit, richness and mouthfeel complemented by the freshness."Meanwhile, for the red wine like Merlot, there's an unprecedented tannin ripeness that is going to provide beautiful tannins structure and no harshness.

**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.

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