

## Eikendal Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot 2018

The wine has a deep red colour with some tawny development. It is very expressive with ripe blackberry and blackcurrant characters dominating the nose. The characteristic cassis and earthiness of Cabernet Sauvignon is clearly evident. Spicy and sweet French oak complement and balance the fruit. Fleshy and concentrated fruit is supported by a backbone of fine-grained tannins. The ripeness of the fruit is reflected in a sweet and long finish.

Pair with Carpaccio, Roasted Beef Short Rib, Creamy Curries

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot

**winery :** Eikendal Vineyards

**winemaker :** Nico Grobler

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol   rs : 3.3 g/l   pH : 3.63   ta : 5.4 g/l

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

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

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**ageing :** Up to 5-8 years if cellared correctly.

**in the vineyard :** Stellenbosch vineyards are 170m above sea and planted in "Koffieklip" ("Coffee Stone") soil with a clay layer 1m deep level in an East-West row direction.

**in the cellar :** After the harvesting the crushed grapes are fermented for one week in stainless steel tanks. After fermentation the wine matures for 12 months in French oak barriques.

