

## Nederburg The Winemasters Merlot 2018

Bright red. Blueberries and plums with subtle oak in the background. An elegant wine with attractive up-front red fruit flavours and well-structured tannins, with integrated oak nuances that round off the palate.

Excellent with oxtail, casseroles, red meat, game, pizza and pasta dishes.

**variety :** Merlot | Merlot

**winery :** Nederburg Wines

**winemaker :** Samuel Viljoen

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 14.09 % vol   rs : 3.50 g/l   pH : 3.52   ta : 5.92 g/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry   **body :** Medium   **taste :** Fragrant

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

The Winemasters ensemble, comprising a top-quality range of varietal offerings, is named to honour the Paarl winery's long-established tradition of winemaking excellence. These classically styled, food-friendly wines with abundant fruit flavours, elegance and finesse, treasure the integrity of the grapes in every step of the wine-growing and winemaking journey. Every drop demonstrates an unwavering commitment to world-class vineyard and cellar skills.

This wine is made from Merlot grapes.

*Available: SA/EU/UK*

**in the vineyard :** The grapes were sourced from vineyards in and around the Western Cape. The viticulturist works hand-in-hand with the grape growers in managing each vineyard block to ensure the best quality fruit for this wine. The different microclimates and soil types associated with each vineyard add to the complexity of the wine.

**in the cellar :** The grapes were harvested at 24° to 25° Balling during February and March. The fruit was crushed and fermented on the skins in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks at 25°C to 28°C for 10 to 14 days. Upon completion of malolactic fermentation, the wine was matured in contact with French oak for a period of 12 months.

CELLAR-MASTER Andrea Freeborough (previous cellar-master)

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