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Eikendal Rosé 2019

The Eikendal Rosé 2019 with its charming rose pink hue has delightful yet subtle rosewater, strawberries and a hint of nougat that presents itself on the nose and follows through unto the palate. Even though the flavours and aromas are not overpowering, it still has a full mouth-feel, faint acidity, and a long, pleasing finish.

Smoked Salmon Salad, Goats Cheese Tart, Berry Parfait

variety : Merlot | 94% Merlot, 5% Cinsault, 1% Grenache
winery : Eikendal Vineyards
winemaker : Nico Grobler
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 12.5% % vol **rs :** 1.4 g/l **pH :** 3.17 **ta :** 6.0 g/l
type : Rose **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fruity
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : Up to 2 years if cellared correctly.

in the vineyard : The vineyards lie 155m above sea level. The terroir of all three cultivars consists of decomposed granite. Three specific blocks were used for this alluring Rosé. With a maritime microclimate, the winters are wet and cold, and in summer the heat is tempered by a cool and fresh breeze from the Atlantic Ocean in False Bay. The Merlot vines are trellised in the Vertical Shoot Position system and the Cinsault and Grenache in the vine by post system. These vineyards were only planted in 2012.

in the cellar : The Merlot grapes were picked first followed by the Grenache and Cinsault three weeks later. Grapes were picked early to retain as much fresh flavours as possible, crushed and followed by a soft pressing. The Merlot was wild fermented in tanks and the juice of the other two cultivars were added to the fermenting Merlot. It was clarified right after fermentation and bottled very early to ensure freshness.

