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Villiera Monro Merlot 2018

Intensely aromatic with forthcoming berry fruit and hints of chocolate, spice and vanilla. It is well balanced with velvety texture but with enough grip to ensure good length. The complexity will ensure that Monro Merlot should keep for up to 10 years.



variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Villiera Wines
winemaker : Jeff Grier
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.25 % vol **rs :** 2.5 g/l **pH :** 3.41 **ta :** 6.1 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

Platter's Wine Guide: 4½ Stars
Prescient Winemag Merlot Report: 90 points
National Wine Challenge: DOUBLE PLATINUM & Top 100
Decanter World Wine Awards: 91 points
International Wine & Spirits Competition: 90 points

ageing : The complexity will ensure that Monro Merlot should keep for up to 10 years.

Monro Merlot is Villiera's "Reserve" red bottled under the historic family name "MONRO". It was the obvious choice of brand as it symbolizes the dedication and heritage that are hallmarks of this wine. This wine is designed to appeal to the consumer looking for greater complexity, terroir character and longevity. From 2016 onwards it will be made exclusively from Merlot to highlight the potential for Merlot in our conditions.

in the vineyard : We have identified and nurtured blocks that can achieve greatness.

about the harvest: Optimally ripe Merlot was hand harvested from selected blocks of old vines and the low yields ensure concentration. The healthy fruit was destalked with only 70% being crushed and the balance remained in the form of whole berries.

in the cellar : Both the pumpover and punch down systems were used for extraction purposes and a portion was taken through to the final blending stage without the use of preservative. After pressing, the wine was racked to French oak barrels (65% new) for MLF and maturation. After two barrel rackings and 18 months the wine was blended and bottled.

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