

## Delheim Merlot 2017

Notes of tobacco, red fruit with whiffs of cloves and cinnamon are detected on the nose. A full bodied and elegant style of Merlot, with a subtle structure and silky tannins. Fresh plum and blueberry flavours linger on the finish.

**variety :** Merlot | 93%Merlot, 4%Cabernet Franc 3%Malbec

**winery :** Delheim Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Altus Treurnicht

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.35 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.53 ta : 5.7 g/l

**type :** Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Herbaceous **wooded** **organic**

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

### 2016 Harvest:

Tim Atkin SA Report - 90 Points

**ageing :** This wine will benefit from careful cellaring for 3 - 4 years from vintage.

**in the vineyard :** From 13- and 19-year-old trellised vines on the 5-wire Perold system. Selected bunches were removed in two tranches before harvest to ensure maximum concentration of tannins and colour. Summer pruning ensured correct light exposure and canopy density.

**about the harvest:** Grapes were handpicked

**in the cellar :** The juice from the handpicked grapes was fermented in stainless steel fermenters with the aid of a selected yeast strains. Temperature was maintained between 25° - 28° C. A combination of pump-overs and rack & returns were done during fermentation. Juice was left on the skins for extended maceration of 18 days, after which it was matured in French oak for 15 months (20% new oak).

Bottling date: August 2016



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