

Kaapzicht Merlot 2017

A deep core of black fruit, grilled herbs and liquorice combines with savoury elements of tar, soy, new leather, and black olives. Some dusty, sweet Eucalypt notes are drowned out by the wine's sheer concentration. Pronounced, fine, dry tannins justify aerating the wine, and further bottle ageing of 3-8 years. A serious, full-bodied expression of cultivar.

Delicious served with Osso Bucco or other rich Italian dishes.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Kaapzicht Wine Estate

winemaker : Danie Steytler

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.76 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.42 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

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

ageing :

Enjoy the rich ripe fruits immediately or cellar for 2 – 4 years to allow more development and integration.

in the vineyard :

Vines planted in Estcourt type, weathered topsoil on a layer of granite, above a crumbly clay sub-soil.

Yield: of 7 –8 ton per HA

about the harvest: Grapes were picked at full ripeness (25°B).

in the cellar : Fermented in stainless steel tanks and pumped over 3-4 times a day.

After a light pressing the Merlot underwent malolactic fermentation before going into 33% new French oak barrels for 18 months.

