

## Fat Bastard Merlot 2018

Upfront, ripe fruit aromas swiftly greet the nose which sets a vibrant tone for the unfolding flavours of the palate. Distinct blackberry, cherry and plum flavours dominate the palate, supported by well-integrated tannins that lend the wine a smooth mouth-filling quality and long, juicy finish.

**variety** : Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery** : Fat Bastard

**winemaker** : Thys Loubser

**wine of origin** : Robertson

**analysis** : **alc** : 12.75 % vol **rs** : 6.5 g/l **pH** : 3.38 **ta** : 5.9 g/l

**type** : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **taste** : Fruity **wooded**

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

**ageing** : 3 - 4 Years

The Fat Bastard Merlot was made from carefully selected grapes with the aim to produce ripeflavoured and silky textured wine.

**in the cellar** : The grape bunches were de-stemmed only and the whole berries were placed in old open top fermenters and closed top fermenters. 50% of the total crush fermented naturally and the rest was inoculated with a commercial yeast. Tanks were mixed three times daily by pump overs and/or punching through the skin cap. The wine was fermented dry on the skins and pressed off into 225 l French oak barrels where malo-lactic fermentation the wine was then aged in barrel for 16 months.

