

Jordan Black Magic Merlot 2017

Part whole-berry fermentation and softer pump-overs extract aromas of red plums and dark bitter chocolate. French oak maturation seasons the wine to accentuate the seductive flavours and generous velvety tannins.

Perfect with fillet or game meat such as ostrich or kudu.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Jordan Wine Estate

winemaker : Gary & Cathy Jordan

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.37 ta : 6.3 g/l

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

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

2019 Top 100 SA Wines - Double Platinum
2016- 90 points in WineMag Merlot Report 2019
2016 - Double Platinum Top 100 Wine Awards
2015 - District Terroir awards: Best Merlot in Stellenbosch
2015- National Trophy Terroir Awards
2013 - Double Platinum Awards - Top 100 Wines
2012 - Top Merlot at the Terroir Novare for Stellenbosch District
2010 - Top scorer award at the Classic Wine Awards 2013
2009 - Silver at the 2011 Veritas Awards

The name Merlot is thought to be a diminutive of merle, the French name for the blackbird. At Jordan Wine Estate, our Merlot vineyards are based on Black Tourmaline-rich granite which darkens the soil, leading to perfumed, inky wines.

in the vineyard :

Location & Climate: The distinct ravine which embodies Stellenbosch Kloof harnesses all the qualities of a well-orientated compass. Varying elevations and aspects allows us to grow a selection of classic varieties to specific sites that optimise this expression through their location. The cooler south- and east-facing aspects, unique in Stellenbosch, hosts the more sensitive and aromatic white-skinned grape varieties.

Stellenbosch Kloof enjoys a cooler Mediterranean climate with mari-time influences from False Bay, 14km to the south, and a refreshing breeze channelled from the West Coast's Benguela current 24km to the north-west. These two breezes culminate at the top end of the ravine and bring in early morning mists, especially from False Bay. Consequently, temperatures in our meso-climate can be measured at least 3° Celsius cooler than inland Stellenbosch during ripening peri-ods. This adds a unique characteristic to Jordan wines.

Appellation: Wine of Origin Stellenbosch.

Soil: Decomposed granite

Aspect: East - and west-facing vineyards

Age of Vines: 14 - 24 years old

Clones: 192,36,343 & 348

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested between the 17th and 20th March 2017 at 23.9°B.

in the cellar : Fermented in overhead retort-shaped, stainless steel fermentors at 26 - 28° C. Pump-overs were done three times daily over the fermenting cap. A small portion received extended maceration while the remainder was pressed immediately after fermentation. After settlement the wine was racked into barrels where it underwent malolactic fermentation. After further racking it spent 18 months in new and second fill 225 litre French oak barrels.



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