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Villiera Merlot 2017

The colour of the wine is brilliant red. The aroma shows hints of wood spice and mint with attractive red berry fruit. On the palate the wine is rich and full with juicy soft tannins ensuring drinkability.



variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Villiera Wines
winemaker : Jeff Grier
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 1.99 g/l **pH :** 3.5 **ta :** 5.64 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

2017 SA Wine Index score: 91 points
Michelangelo Awards: GOLD

ageing : It will however mature for up to six years from vintage.

Merlot was initially planted as a blending partner for Cabernet Sauvignon. The softer style was designed to round off the Cabernet Sauvignon. When the market indicated a liking for softer red wine, Merlot was included in our range as a stand-alone variety.

about the harvest: In 2017, good, healthy fruit was picked at optimum ripeness - determined by aroma assessment (i.e. maximum fruit intensity).

in the cellar : The wine was fermented in rototanks between 20˚C and 25˚C with 30% whole berries. Of the total 40% was pre-soaked for 2 days.
Oak Maturation: 20% centre of France new tight grain barrels 80 % used French oak barrels for 10 months.

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