

De Waal Merlot 2018

Our premium Merlot, made from a selection of older vineyards.

The wine shows beautiful berry and dark plum flavours. The middle pallet is rich and voluptuous, with a smooth and lingering finish.

A great food wine, it will pair well with roasted lamb or pork belly.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : De Waal Wines

winemaker : Daniel de Waal

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.56 ta : 5.6 g/l

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

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

Interesting fact: Uiterwyk Wine Estate was one of the first producers of Merlot in South Africa. The 1984 was the maiden vintage and was chosen to be served to the first class passengers of South African Airways in 1986.

in the vineyard : Location of vineyard: Lower down on the south facing slopes

Soil type: Gravel & loam

Age of Vineyard: Over 25 years

Rootstock: R99

Method of trellising: 3-wire hedge

about the harvest: Harvest date: 9 March 2015

Sugar level at harvest: 25° Balling

Yield per hectare: 7.0 tons/ha

in the cellar : Fermentation & Maceration Period: 14 days

Cellar Maturation: 14 months 225-litre French second fill barrique barrels

Future Maturation Potential: 6 - 8 years

Bottling Date: August 2017

Market Release Date: September 2017

