

## Groote Post Merlot 2018

Ripe red fruit and herbal highlights with a lively eucalyptus edge on the nose. The palate display sour cherry and dark chocolate supported by good tannins with good acidity.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Groote Post Vineyards

**winemaker :** Lukas Wentzel

**wine of origin :** Darling

**analysis :** alc : 14.89 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.47 ta : 5.4 g/l

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

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

2018 Platter's South African Wine Guide - 3½ stars

2017 Veritas Awards - Gold

2015 Platter's South African Wine Guide - 3 stars

2018 Micheal Angelo - Silver

**in the vineyard :** Vines planted: 2001,2002

Soil: Hutton

Yield: 7 t/ha

Irrigation: Supplementary

Trellising: 5 wire extended moveable perold

Elevation: 200m

**about the harvest:**

2017 was the midway mark of the four year drought, producing a small grape crop. The vines responded with top quality juice with lower ph's and higher acids. Good concentration and structure in the reds will see the wine develop well in the bottle and age magnificently.

**in the cellar :**

The grapes were carefully selected over the sorting table. The grapes had cold maceration for 2 days in stainless steel and open tanks. The juice was pumped over and the cap punched down three to four times a day. The juice was left on the skins for 14 days after fermentation. Malolactic fermentation and ageing took place in 300L French Oak barrels, 35% new wood, 50% 2nd fill and 15% 3rd fill.



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