

## Jordan Black Magic Merlot 2018

Harvested from mature east and west facing vineyards established on mother soils of decomposed granite. 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.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Jordan Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Gary & Cathy Jordan

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.2 g/l pH : 3.38 ta : 6.2 g/l

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

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

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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: 27 - 33 years old.

Clones: 192,36,343 & 348

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested between the 13th of March and the 5th April 2018 at 23.5°B.

**in the cellar :** Fermented in overhead retort-shaped, stainless steel fermenters 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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