

Rickety Bridge Merlot 2019

Notes of red cherry and ripe plum layered with herbal nuances and hints of oak spice on the nose. A juicy palate with red currants and blueberries gives way to lingering dark chocolate flavours. Well-structured with refined tannins and a lengthy finish.

Traditional bobotie, spaghetti Bolognese, lasagne, grilled chicken and beef stews.
Serving Temperature - 15° - 17 C.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Rickety Bridge Estate

winemaker : Wynand Grobler

wine of origin : Franschhoek

analysis : alc : 13.81 % vol rs : 4.4 g/l pH : 3.57 ta : 5.4 g/l

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

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

about the harvest: Harvested from two vineyards in Franschhoek, one from the Estate itself and the other one from another property in the valley. Both blocks yield about 6-8 tonnes per ha. The grapes were hand harvested at 24 Balling in February 2019.

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in open fermentation tanks at 22-25°C with 2 punch downs daily. The wines were pressed after 21 days on the skins. Malolactic fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks and maturation took place in 15% new and 85% older French oak barrels for a total of 12 to 14 months.

