

## Bonnievale The River Collection Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2020

This wine has a loyal following and for good reason. Its hallmarks are a mouth-watering combination of ripe berry flavours with vanilla on an ethereal backdrop of fine herbs. The combination creates a rich, satisfying taste and extended finish.

Creamy pastas and red meat dishes both pair very well with this exceptional blend.

**variety** : Cabernet Sauvignon | 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot

**winery** : Bonnievale Wines

**winemaker** : Marthinus Rademeyer

**wine of origin** : Bonnievale

**analysis** : **alc** : 14 % vol **rs** : 4.1 g/l **pH** : 3.52 **ta** : 5.4 g/l

**type** : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **taste** : Herbaceous

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

2023 Platter's Wine Guide - 2.5 Stars

**ageing** : This wine may be enjoyed now but patience will be rewarded as it continues to develop for up to seven years from vintage.

Bonnievale Wines gets its name from the town founded in the 1800s by visionary Scotsman Christopher Forrest Rigg. He unlocked the region's agricultural potential and secured the roots of our community.

Our home lies east of Cape Town, in a valley long associated with excellent dairy, fruit and wine farming. Cool air from the nearby coastline ensures flavourful grapes.

Our philosophy is founded on respect and collaboration – working together and with nature. We meticulously produce and select the very best grapes from what nature and the vintage has to offer.

The seal Wine of Origin: Bonnievale is a proud declaration of this quality provided by farming families with deep understanding of this unique landscape, soils and climate; and, a broad palette of vineyards from which we select our grapes.

**in the vineyard** : Both varieties in this wine hail from vineyards that are drip irrigated.

**about the harvest**: Fruit was harvested by hand, at optimum ripeness, with the Merlot starting in mid-February and the Cabernet Sauvignon, two weeks later.

**in the cellar** : The wines were made separately, with fermentation of both lasting about two weeks, before further vinification and blending. The wine was matured with French oak for seven months.

