

## Vineyard Friends Grey Heron Merlot Malbec 2020

Red berry and plum flavours with soft ripe, juicy tannins.

**variety :** Merlot | -

**winery :** Vineyard Friends

**winemaker :** Dico du Toit

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 13.5 % vol   rs : 3.0 g/l   pH : 3.6   ta : 5.5 g/l

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

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

A long-legged, water-wading bird, the Grey Heron is an elegant hunter, offering a natural alternative to pest control. A fellow friend of the vineyard, this wine honours the Grey Heron as a perfect blend of elegance and firm structure.

**in the vineyard :** In our quest to source unique and exclusive vineyards, we visit many sites and meet interesting farmers along the way. In the past few years, we have noticed a definitive move towards sustainable vineyard practices and the preservation of natural flora and fauna. The goal is to establish long term relationships with these growers and promote their innovative approach to sustainability so that the wines we produce today, can be enjoyed for generations to come.

**in the cellar :** Wines are sourced from selected sites in Franschhoek, Bottelary and Breedekloof. Picked at optimum phenolic ripeness to ensure concentration, ripeness and varietal expression. Cold soaked and fermented at 23-25°C. Portions of this blend spent 12 months in oak to add complexity and structure.



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