

Anthonij Rupert Cape of Good Hope Parel Vallei Merlot 2016

Plum, mulberry and cherry aromas which mingle with an exotic spice, mint and cocoa powder nuance. The palate is Sprightly and succulent with abundant red and black fruit notes. Vivacious, bright and juicy, it manages to simultaneously be approachable and appealing yet powerful and deep. The palate is layered and complex with well integrated oak providing ample support to the fruit. The finish, is long and memorable.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Anthonij Rupert Wyne

winemaker : Dawie Botha

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.50 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

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

in the vineyard : Proprietor of Anthonij Rupert Wyne, Johann Rupert, has taken a personal interest in this parcel of fruit – since it is planted literally in his backyard. A small block of Merlot, planted at high density in residential Somerset-West, produces this uniquely perfumed wine. Deep clay soils and strict canopy management of the vertically trellised vines gives us consistency of character and taste of the grapes and resultant wine.

about the harvest: 2016 was one of the hottest and driest vintages in the past decade. The crop was also the smallest in the past 3 years and earlier than normal. With smaller bunches, we produced a concentrated Merlot. The naturally low acidity in the wine results in a soft and balanced wine.

in the cellar : The grapes were hand-sorted, and fermented in 225 L new French oak barrels. After fermentation we extended skin contact for a further 10 days before pressing the wine, making the total days on the skins about 45 days. It was racked, went through malolactic fermentation and then finally aged in the same new French oak barrels for 24 months. Further bottle-ageing for 24 months ensures the wine is in its prime at time of release.



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