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Villiera Merlot 2019

The colour of the wine is brilliant red. The aroma shows hints of wood spice and mint with attractive red berry fruit. On the palate the wine is rich and full with juicy soft tannins ensuring drinkability. It will however mature for up to six years from vintage.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Villiera Wines
winemaker : Jeff Grier
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 13.37 % vol **rs :** 2.6 g/l **pH :** 3.51 **ta :** 5.9 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

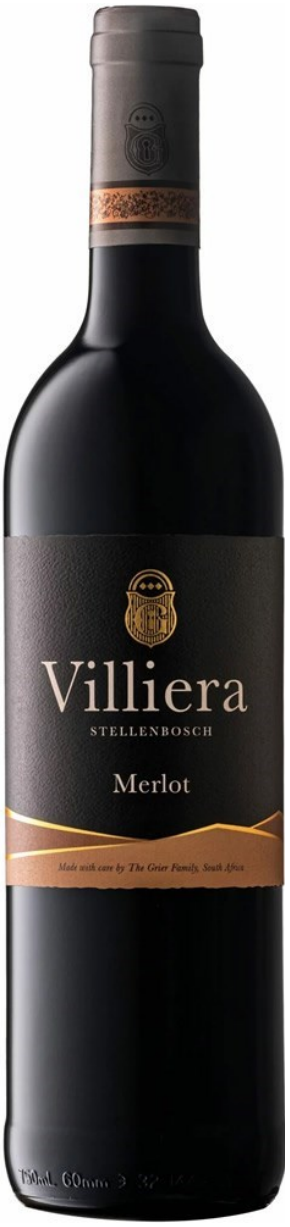
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SA Wine Index score - 91 points

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When the market indicated a liking for softer red wine, Villiera was one of the first South African producers to release a single varietal Merlot (in 1989). To this day, it remains our top selling red wine.

about the harvest: In 2019, good, healthy fruit was picked at optimum ripeness - determined by aroma assessment (i.e. maximum fruit intensity).

in the cellar : The wine was fermented in rototanks between 20˚C and 25˚C with 30% whole berries. Of the total 40% was pre-soaked for 2 days.
Oak Maturation: 20% centre of France new tight grain barrels 80 % used French oak barrels for 10 months.



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