

Laborie Merlot / Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

This wine is smooth, elegant and juicy. It has aromas of raspberry, black olive, crushed herbs and cigar box. The prominent tannin structure carries hints of sweet, cedary oak on the palate that flows seamlessly into a fresh, lingering finish.

Enjoy this wine on its own or with a variety of roasted meat dishes, barbeques or pasta with a tomato-based sauce.

variety : Merlot | 55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Laborie Wines

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.24 % vol rs : 4.57 g/l pH : 3.51 ta : 6.36 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : This wine can be savoured now or cellared for up to two years from vintage..

in the vineyard : Winter 2020 delivered good rainfall and cold that saw us returning to long term averages and the end of the drought that had tested all in the Western Cape for the last 5 years. Spring 2020 was defined by later bud break and particularly cool and wet conditions. Variable bud break was observed on a number of varieties. Flowering 2020 saw a continuation of this trend of cooler weather, intermittent rainfall and overcast conditions with lots of wind. The increased rainfall also brought significant disease pressure to most areas, in particular Downey Mildew.

Summer has been a far cooler affair that we have been used to with particularly cool nights. This is per se a very good indicator of a quality vintage. We received only one or two warm days that were immediately followed by a cool spell all the way into late January. Harvest began on 21st January, 14 days later than last year and finished on the 7th of April.

in the cellar : This wine was oak matured for 10 to 12 months.

