

Eikendal Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot 2021

The Eikendal Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot 2021 has a deep red colour with some tawny development. It is very expressive with ripe blackberry and blackcurrant characters dominating the nose. The characteristic cassis and earthiness of Cabernet Sauvignon is clearly evident. Spicy and sweet French oak complement and balance the fruit. Fleshy and concentrated fruit is supported by a backbone of fine-grained tannins. The ripeness of the fruit is reflected in a 'flattering' long finish.

Pair with Carpaccio, Roasted Beef Short Rib, Creamy Curries.
Serving suggestion: 18°C-20°C.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot

winery : Eikendal Vineyards

winemaker : Yvonne Lester and Christo Hanse

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis: alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 4.6 g/l pH : 3.60 ta : 5.6 g/l

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

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

Gilbert and Gaillard - Double Gold

ageing : Up to 5-8 years if cellared correctly.

in the vineyard : Stellenbosch vineyards are 170m above sea and planted in "Koffieklip" ("Coffee Stone") soil with a clay layer 1m deep level in an East-West row direction. The vineyards, aged between 8-12 years, are trellised in the Vertical Shoot Position trellising system with spur pruning. Berry aromatic sequence module is used for determining ripeness.

in the cellar : After the harvesting the crushed grapes are fermented for two weeks in stainless steel tanks. After fermentation the wine matures for 12 months in French oak barriques.

