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Lanzerac Jonkershoek Merlot 2022

This appetizing wine has everything a Merlot-lover could want, and more. The 2022 Merlot has an excellent deep red colour, with ripe red berries, cocoa, slight mint and chocolate on the nose. On the palate the wine shows a well-balanced tannin structure, rich body with fruit and a lingering aftertaste.

Match this appetizing drink with hearty dishes such as veal chops with portabello mushrooms, gnocchi in a red pepper sauce with crispy pancetta as well as creamy gruyere and parmesan cheese risotto.



variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Lanzerac
winemaker : Wynand Lategan
wine of origin : Jonkershoek Valley
analysis : **alc :** 14.26 % vol **rs :** 2.9 g/l **pH :** 3.51 **ta :** 6.4 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Herbaceous **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

ageing : The Lanzerac Merlot will benefit with 3 to 5 years maturation.

in the cellar : When the grapes arrive at the cellar by tractor the bunches are hand sorted before destemmend, the loose berries undergo a further hand sorting before it is lightly crushed. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs (2 times a day) being done to extract colour
and flavour. The Merlot was fermented dry on the skins before pressing. The free run wine was kept apart from the press fraction. A portion of the Merlot wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrels, whilst the remaining wine underwent malolactic fermentation in tank. A Selection of new, 2nd fill and 3rd fill French oak barrels were used to matured the Merlot for 12 months. Regular rackings resulted in excellent integration between wood, fruit and tannins.

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