

Bosman Generation 8 Merlot 2023

A true classic. A medium-bodied wine with an appealing bouquet of ripe cherries and mulberries, followed through with hints of earthiness and plums on the palate. A wine packed with red fruit and a lingering aftertaste.

A good partner to a range of tomato-based dishes, roast chicken and creamy mushroom steak or stews.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Bosman Family Vineyards

winemaker : Corlea Fourie

wine of origin : Coastal Region

analysis : alc : 14.4 % vol rs : 3.4 g/l pH : 3.71 ta : 5.6 g/l

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

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

ageing : To be enjoyed 2 - 5 years from the year of vintage.

We often get asked if we make Merlot. It has become that cultivar in which many consumers hope to find something smooth, fragrant and enjoyable. Sometimes that's a tall order for a varietal which is quite picky about terroir and expression. Always up for a challenge, we decided to showcase the very best in bright Merlot fruit from Wellington. We used techniques in the vineyard and in the cellar to make this wine as approachable and as interesting as possible.

in the vineyard : Our Merlot sites range from plantings from 2001 to as young as 2013, including vineyards near Hermon, planted in Schist soils and vineyards in the Bovlei in decomposed granite. Our Merlot planted in the Voor-Paardeberg also contributes to our blend by adding an element of red fruit.

about the harvest: Last year's winter and spring were dry and warmer, with less rainfall than the previous year. This led to smaller berries and lower bunch-weights. Heavy rains during the first week of December provided great relief for the awaiting harvest, which was followed by warm and sunny days during January and February. Early and mid-season cultivars thus show great potential. The biggest single influence was the 130mm of rain in March which created difficulties for late-season cultivars. For Wellington being the early ripening region, this was mostly mitigated by the quick start we had. All in all, a riper harvest for us, showing good potential.

in the cellar : Grapes are harvested and destemmed before fermentation occurs. Regular pump-overs ensure good colour extraction and a gentle pressing results in tannin expression that is fine and subtle. A portion of the wine is matured in new French oak for 6 months to create a complex wine with supple tannins.



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