

## Ken Forrester Merlot Reserve Pat's Garden 2019

Hints of cherries and mint with meat-spice and smoky undertones. Softly rounded and accessible wine with balanced tannins for early drinking.

Serve with meat dishes, grills and roast lamb.

**variety** : Merlot | 68% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon & 3% Petit Verdot

**winery** : Ken Forrester Wines

**winemaker** : Ken Forrester

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.0 g/l pH : 3.52 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

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

**ageing** : Softly rounded and accessible wine with balanced tannins for early drinking.

Pat's Garden Merlot has always been a blend of predominantly Merlot with the addition of about 8%-12% Cabernet Franc. This 'blend' conveniently fell within the legal framework for a wine labelled as a single varietal wine ... 'all wine may be blended up to a maximum of 15%'.

We thought, why is the magic number 15%? So, we set about doing some exploration using 4 of the traditional Bordeaux grapes: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon...The result? We present the new Pat's Garden Reserve .A Bordeaux-inspired blend, offering the best of the 5 noble varieties of Bordeaux in one delicious bottle.

**in the vineyard** : Region: Stellenbosch

Soil: Duplex with some clay - Kroonstad

Locality: South-south-west

**about the harvest**: Hand harvested in individual parcels and selected for quality to get the ripest possible, balanced Merlot from our very finest soils, influenced by the cool S/E wind during the ripening season.

Yield: 8 tons per hectare

**in the cellar** : The wine was matured in selected French oak barrels for 12 months and blended with a small fraction of Cabernet Franc for structure and complexity prior to bottling.



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