

Spier Signature Merlot 2023

This is everything that a Merlot should be: plump and round with a delicious, juicy freshness. Savour aromas of red and blackberries, followed by ripe dark cherries complemented by a subtle mint flavour. Deceptively easy to drink, the medium-bodied palate offers bright acidity and freshness.

Appearance: Medium ruby-red.

Hard to resist now, this Merlot will drink best with light lunches such as pizza and lasagne, but it is a versatile all-rounder.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Spier Wine Farm

winemaker : Heidi Dietstein

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13.55 % vol rs : 4.0 g/l pH : 3.58 ta : 5.4 g/l

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

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

"Spier Signature wines capture in a glass what Spier does best: making quality wines that are true to each grape variety's unique flavour. Every time."

in the vineyard : The vertically trellised vines were planted between 13 and 23 years ago on undulating hills of decomposed granite and weathered sandstone. Where the clay subsoils are too structured and porous, supplementary irrigation ensures optimal foliage and even ripening. These vineyards were planted up to 80 km from the coast and are influenced geographically by mountains and the cold Atlantic coast. Complexity is achieved by blending these different regional wines.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested at optimal ripeness.

in the cellar : The grapes were de-stemmed and crushed in stainless-steel tanks. Cultured and natural yeast helps unlock the grapes' aromatic fruit profile. After fermentation, 20% of the wine was matured in French oak barrels for 8 to 10 months, and the remaining 80% was matured in stainless steel tanks with French-oak staves to complement the wine's flavour profile and length.



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