

Bellingham Homestead Red Blend 2021

This wine offers a complex blend of red and black fruits, featuring vibrant notes of red cherry, blueberry, and blackcurrant, complemented by well-integrated oak that introduces classic hints of tobacco spice, dark chocolate, and licorice. On the palate, it exhibits purity and refinement, with Merlot adding a delicate touch and Cabernet Sauvignon providing a robust, muscular structure. The tannins are soft and juicy, creating an approachable and generous profile. A silky finish, with lingering dark berry notes.

This blend complements grilled steak, roast lamb with rosemary potatoes, hearty pasta dishes and aged cheeses.

variety : Merlot | 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Bellingham Wines

winemaker : Richard Duckitt

wine of origin : Coastal Region

analysis : alc : 14 % vol rs : 2.9 g/l pH : 3.50 ta : 5.72 g/l

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

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

Named after Bellingham's landmark homestead in the Franschhoek Valley which was once home to the colourful Podlashuk couple. The original Homestead was where many successful vinous concepts were born. This range produces terroir-driven, site-specific wines of distinctive character and style, as well as a touch of the unexpected.

in the vineyard : The Merlot grapes are cultivated in a cool-climate site high on the hills of Darling, where the vineyard faces the chilly Atlantic Ocean and benefits from the constant cold winds that sweep through during the growing season. Meanwhile, the Cabernet Sauvignon is grown in the Helderberg ward of Stellenbosch. Meticulous canopy management ensures optimal sun exposure, enhancing colour, tannin, and fruit ripeness.

about the harvest: The grapes were hand-harvested, destemmed, and the berries meticulously selected before fermentation.

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks with minimal intervention to highlight the terroir. Fermentation lasted 7 to 12 days, with gentle pumpovers occurring throughout. The wine was then aged for 12 months in 300l French oak barrels, with 10% new oak adding depth and complexity.

