

Blaauwklippen Merlot 2021

Mulberry, chocolate and cassis notes on the nose, with hints of spiced nuts. Chalky tannins with a smooth and lingering finish.

Serve slightly chilled (18°C) it is great summer red wine. Pair with charcuterie platters and gourmet flatbreads with pullet pork or steak strips.

variety : Merlot | 99% Merlot

winery : Blaauwklippen Vineyards

winemaker : Narina Cloete

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.87 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.7 ta : 4.9 g/l

type : Red **style :** Very Dry **body :** Full

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

in the vineyard : Grapes were grown in 2 vineyard blocks on our farm situated next to each other. Medium potential Klapmuts soil, planted narrow at 1,8m x 1.0m and with Vertical Shoot Positioning (VSP) trellis systems. Clones MO182 and MO343 were used and both blocks are under drip irrigation. Annual yield is between 7 and 10 tons/ha

in the cellar : Handpicked grapes were transported to the cellar for processing. Grapes fermented in stainless-steel tanks and twice daily pump-overs ensured the delicate extraction of tannins. The total time on the skins were 14 days before pressing. Malo-lactic fermentation and maturation followed in 300L French oak barrels (only 3rd fill and older) for 18months.



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