

Nederburg The Winemasters Merlot 2023

Hedgerow fruit, cherry tobacco, cocoa powder and spice are apparent on the nose and the palate. Ripe, juicy, fresh, soft-textured and all too easy to enjoy in its uncomplicated approachability. It's structured, pliable, balanced and offers ample drinking enjoyment.

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variety : Merlot | 89.5% Merlot, 10.5% other varieties

winery : Nederburg Wines

winemaker : Zinaschke Steyn

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13.42 % vol rs : 4.67 g/l pH : 3.51 ta : 5.84 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **taste** : Fragrant

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

The Winemasters ensemble, comprising a top-quality range of varietal offerings, is named to honour the Paarl winery's long-established tradition of winemaking excellence. These classically styled, food-friendly wines with abundant fruit flavours, elegance and finesse, treasure the integrity of the grapes in every step of the wine-growing and winemaking journey. Every drop demonstrates an unwavering commitment to world-class vineyard and cellar skills.

in the vineyard : The grapes were sourced from top-performing vineyards in the Philadelphia, Stellenbosch and coastal wine-growing areas. The vines are grown mostly in granite and sandstone soils with good water-holding capacity, resulting in grapes with a higher natural acidity and resulting freshness. Open vineyard canopies bring about greater sunlight penetration of the grape bunches, contributing to a well-balanced acidity, in turn contributing to better tannin structure and fruit expression as well as deeper colour intensity.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested at 24° Balling during February and March.

in the cellar : On arrival at the cellar, the fruit was gently crushed and fermented on the skins in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks at 25° to 28° C for 10 to 14 days. Upon completion of malolactic fermentation, the wine was matured in contact with mostly French and some American oak for a period of 12 to 14 months



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