

## Blaauwklippen Merlot 2024

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 | Merlot 85%,15% Petit Verdot

**winery** : Blaauwklippen Vineyards

**winemaker** : Narina Cloete

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : alc : 14.87 % vol   rs : 1.80 g/l   pH : 3.55   ta : 5.50 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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