

## Vergenoegd Löw Family Collection Otilie Malbec 2023

A deep purple hue in the glass is echoed in the dark fruit aromas and flavours, underlain by savoury tomato leaf and tapenade tinges with an intriguing hint of spice on the tail. A well-structured wine with smooth tannins and a lingering finish.

Match the barely discernible smoky notes in the wine with a charcuterie board. Or pair this food-friendly red with chicken espetadas or vegetable skewers done on the coals.

**variety :** Malbec | 100%

**winery :** Vergenoegd Löw The Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Vusi Dulicuba

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol   rs : 3.3 g/l   pH : 3.38   ta : 5.8 g/l

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

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

**in the vineyard :** The 2022/23 growing season had a dry and warmer winter with generally good growing conditions during the vegetative growth phase. Good rains shortly before veraison benefited quality. This was followed by a cool and wet ripening period that gave the grapes a chance to ripen optimally at a slower rate. The harvest was smaller than the previous one, but excellent quality grapes hold big promise for the making of remarkable wines.

**about the harvest:** Grapes are hand harvested and chilled overnight

**in the cellar :** Grapes in the open fermenters are punched down every two to three hours. The grape must is then inoculated using a selected yeast strain. During the fermentation period, the temperature is kept between 23–26 °C for slower fermentation and extended skin contact to preserve the primary fruit. After fermentation, the grape must is left on the skin for extended skin maceration for five days for colour stability and polymerisation of tannins before being pressed and pumped to different tanks/barrels for malolactic fermentation. The resultant wines then spend time in second, third and fourth fill barrels before being blended



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