

## Durbanville Hills Merlot Rosé 2025

Colour: Coral pink

Nose: A fuller styled rosé with a bouquet of rose petals, candy floss, strawberries and fresh nectarines. Subtle hints of guava fruit roll are complimented by cranberry notes.

Taste: The aromas carry through to the fruit-forward palate with prominent nectarines, Turkish delight, rose and lingering red berries. The wine is full and well-rounded with a balance acidity and a rich and creamy mouthfeel, reminiscent of strawberries and cream.

Enjoy on its own slightly chilled or with lobster, strawberries and ice cream, sushi, and a charcuterie and cheese picnic basket.

**variety** : Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery** : Durbanville Hills Wine

**winemaker** : Pieter-Niel Rossouw and Kobus Gerber

**wine of origin** : Durbanville

**analysis** : **alc** : 13.02 % vol **rs** : 3.27 g/l **pH** : 3.27 **ta** : 6.51 g/l

**type** : Rose **style** : Dry **body** : Light **taste** : Fruity

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

Nine leading vineyard owners in the Durbanville district joined forces with Distell to create Durbanville Hills with the aim of promoting the regional individuality of this prime wine-growing area. The striking Durbanville Hills cellar sits on the side of a series of rolling hills with magnificent views of Table Mountain and Table Bay - the very geography that lies at the heart of what makes the wines so unique.

The Durbanville ward is considered one of the Cape's coolest wine regions, thanks to the sea breezes that drift inland from False Bay and Table Bay and the late afternoon mists that bathe the slopes. These conditions are ideal for the slow ripening of the grapes, allowing them to develop their full-flavoured, intense character. Grapes are sourced only from the shareholder-growers, all of whom farm within the limited appellation of Durbanville. Meticulous canopy management promotes the concentration of varietal flavour.

Our cellar master uses highly advanced cellar technology to ensure optimal extraction of flavour. Sustainable practices include maintaining the disciplines imposed by International Environmental Standard ISO 140001 such as in the treatment of wastewater back to irrigation quality. In all its vineyards the growing practices prescribed by IPW (Integrated Production of Wine) are followed. These are designed to sustain natural resources. In addition, the members protect on their farms 320 ha of endangered Renosterveld as part of the Biodiversity Wine Initiative (BWI).

**in the vineyard** : The grapes for this wine were selected from vineyards on the low-lying, south-facing slopes. They were chosen for the exceptional structure and flavour the grapes impart to the wine. The soil moisture levels of this particular vineyard ensured small berries with an excellent skin-to fruit ratio providing an intense colour and flavour spectrum.

**about the harvest**: The Merlot grapes were harvested by hand at 22 - 23.5°B from the middle to the end of February.

**in the cellar** : The grapes were crushed and the skins and juice were transferred through the must cooler into static drainers. The juice was immediately separated from the skins and only free-run juice was used. The juice was floated and cold fermented at 15°C for two to three weeks. After fermentation, the wine was racked from its primary lease and left on the fine lees till bottling.



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