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Hartenberg Merlot 2022

Aromas of fresh plum, olive tapenade, and subtle cedarwood and cigarbox. Medium-bodied and approachable, the palate shows vibrant plum and red fruit character with round tannins, leading to a layered, complex finish that lingers.

Merlot complements a range of dishes, from crispy panko-crusted pork served with a tangy mustard cream sauce to roasted tomato pasta with fresh basil and Parmesan. For a casual pairing, try a juicy beef burger layered with sharp cheddar.



variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Hartenberg Estate
winemaker : Carl Schultz
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 13.5 % vol **rs :** 1.7 g/l **pH :** 3.51 **ta :** 5.2 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Mineral **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

2022 Vintage - Tim Atkin - 93 points
2022 Vintage - Platter's SA Wine Guide - 4½ stars
2022 Vintage - James Suckling - 90 points

ageing : 5 - 15 years from vintage

in the vineyard : The vineyards were given a green harvest at véraison to ensure evenly ripe fruit. Picking was decided by tasting, thereby ensuring optimal ripeness.

about the harvest: All grapes were handpicked and sorted in the vineyard

in the cellar : All grapes were transported to the cellar, destemmed and lightly crushed. An extended maceration took place, followed by fractional pressing. After settling, the wine went to French oak for malolactic fermentation.
Barrel Ageing: 18 months in 40% new French oak, balance older French oak

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