

## 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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