

Ken Forrester Merlot Reserve Pat's Garden 2021

Hints of cherries and mint with meat-spice and smoky undertones. Softly rounded and accessible wine with balanced tannins for early drinking.

Serve with meat dishes, grills and roast lamb.

variety : Merlot | 59% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Franc, 5 Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Ken Forrester Wines

winemaker : Ken Forrester

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.36 ta : 5.2 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **wooded**

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

ageing : Softly rounded and accessible wine with balanced tannins for early drinking.

Pat's Garden Merlot has always been a blend of predominantly Merlot with the addition of about 8%-12% Cabernet Franc. This 'blend' conveniently fell within the legal framework for a wine labelled as a single varietal wine ... 'all wine may be blended up to a maximum of 15%'.

We thought, why is the magic number 15%? So, we set about doing some exploration using 4 of the traditional Bordeaux grapes: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon... The result? We present the new Pat's Garden Reserve. A Bordeaux-inspired blend, offering the best of the 5 noble varieties of Bordeaux in one delicious bottle.

in the vineyard : Region: Stellenbosch

Soil: Duplex with some clay - Kroonstad

Locality: South-south-west

about the harvest: Hand harvested in individual parcels and selected for quality to get the ripest possible, balanced Merlot from our very finest soils, influenced by the cool S/E wind during the ripening season.

Yield: 8 tons per hectare

in the cellar : The wine was matured in selected French oak barrels for 12 months and blended with a small fraction of Cabernet Franc for structure and complexity prior to bottling.



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