



The 'classic' Merlot is an excellent expression of the cultivar and terroir.

## TASTING NOTE

Elegant with soft dark fruit and characteristic notes of plum, liquorice, and mulberry with a lively edge. The nose offers cedarwood and lavender, while the broody and deep palate reveals raspberry preserve, umami and spicy clove. The velvety texture is enhanced by a refreshing acidity, while well-integrated, fine tannins add structure and a dry finish luring you back to the glass.

## VINIFICATION DETAILS

Intensive suckering and crop reduction helps concentrate the fruit and ensure that the Merlot has good colour and a distinctive character. The grapes were harvested at a sugar level of 24-25°B, after which the juice was cold soaked at 10°C for five days and fermented on the skins for 10 – 14 days, allowing the temperature in the tank to peak at 28°C. The wine was then transferred to a combination of 3rd fill and older 225l French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and left to mature for an average of 24 months. It then underwent a light fining before bottling in August 2023.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.4	1.8
pH	Acidity
3.68	5.9

## AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 92 pts

Platter: 90 pts

## ATTRIBUTES



Origin

South Africa



Variety

Merlot



Malolactic Fermentation

Yes



Bottle Size

75cl



Vegetarian

Yes



Winemaker

Elunda Basson



Fining Agent

Patatin



Closure

Cork



Region

Constantia



Vegan

Yes