

Villiera Wines

Made with care by the Grier family Stellenbosch



MERLOT

VARIETY: 100 % Merlot

VINTAGE: 2020

AREA OF ORIGIN: Stellenbosch

PRODUCT BACKGROUND: When the market indicated a liking for softer red wine, Villiera was one of the first South African producers to release a single varietal Merlot (in 1989). To this day, it remains our top selling red wine.

HARVEST DETAILS: In 2020, good, healthy fruit was picked at optimum ripeness – determined by aroma assessment (i.e. maximum fruit intensity).

CELLAR TREATMENT: 60% of the fruit was crushed whilst balance was left as whole berries. The fermentation was natural, in pump over vessels. Pressing was done before dryness. MLF occurred in tank prior to 12 months maturation in 225L oak barrels (of 15% new barrels).

TASTING NOTES: The colour of the wine is brilliant red. The aroma shows hints of wood spice and mint with attractive red berry fruit. On the palate the wine is rich and full with juicy soft tannins ensuring drinkability. It will however mature for up to six years from vintage.

AWARDS: SAWi Awards: **GRAND GOLD**

Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge: **GOLD**

Platter's Guide: **4 Stars / GOOD VALUE**

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol:	14.31 vol %
Residual Sugar:	3.5 g/li
Total Acid:	5.9 g/li
pH:	3.52

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