

# Villiera

STELLENBOSCH

*Made with care by The Grier Family, South Africa*

## VILLIERA MERLOT 2022



### 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 2022, 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**

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### VARIETY

100 % Merlot

### ALCOHOL

13 vol %

### pH

3.52

### VINTAGE

2022

### RESIDUAL SUGAR

4.1 g/li

### AREA OF ORIGIN

Stellenbosch

### TOTAL ACID

5.7 g/li