

# Ken Forrester Merlot Reserve Pat's Garden



Vintage	:	2015
Grape Varieties	:	95% Merlot / 5% Cabernet Franc
Region	:	Stellenbosch
Soil	:	Duplex with some clay – Kroonstad
Yield	:	8 tons per hectare
Aspect	:	south, south-west
Analysis	:	Alc 14.5% by vol TA 6.2 g/l RS 2.1 g/l pH 3.52

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.

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.

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.

## **Ken Forrester Merlot Pat's Garden 2014**

- Platter's 2017 – 3½ stars

## **Ken Forrester Merlot Reserve 2013**

- Platter's 2016 – 3½ stars & Hidden Gem

## **Ken Forrester Merlot Reserve 2012**

- Platter's 2015 – 3½ stars

## **Ken Forrester Merlot 2011**

- Platter's 2015 – 3½ stars

## **Ken Forrester Merlot 2010**

- Platter's 2013 – 4 stars

## **Ken Forrester Merlot 2009**

- Robert Parker – 88 points
- IWSC 2011 – Silver
- Platter's 2012 – 3 ½ stars