



BEYERSKLOOF

Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot 2018

The Beyerskloof Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot blend is a traditional take on the classic two cultivars. An exciting addition in our innovative approach to wine making. Well-crafted, smooth, rich tannin and cassis flavours with fruit and berry notes. A wine for any occasion.

Wine Name: Beyerskloof Cabernet Sauvignon | Merlot
Varietal(s): 57% Cabernet Sauvignon and 43% Merlot
Vintage: **2018**
Soil: Hutton, Clovelly and Kroonstad
Trellising: 5 wire hedge.

Vintage Notes: It is the third year running where we had a cool dry winter which meant not enough rain. We had less than 40% of our normal rainfall leading up to the harvest and the year before that we had 50% less. So, the big drought issues continue. We also had uneven budding during the start of growth and uneven ripening of grapes close to harvest, so sorting of the berries was a must. Also, on the positive side there was less diseases/ pests and growth vigour in the vineyards due to the dry weather. With all the negatives we expected the worse and was actually presently surprised with the yields and quality of the grapes. The start of harvest was more normal for us compared to the previous 3 vintages and that was early February. This continued until middle March where we finished with Cabernet Sauvignon. In general, the grapes were healthy, berries were very small and concentrated and our yield was the same as last year, 550ton in total. But we are still 20% down on our long-term average yield. Quality of the wines so far looks extremely good with rich dark colours and brilliant fruit on all the red cultivars.

Winemaking: Different systems of skin contact and fermentation in open fermenters, roto tanks and fermentomatics. 6 to 8 days on skins at 25°C. After malolactic fermentation the wine was treated with oak.



Technical Information

Total Acidity: 5.6 g/l
Alcohol: 13.82%
pH: 3.52
Total SO₂: 99 mg/l
Residual Sugar: 3.0 g/l
Age of Vines: 15-20 years

Colour: Dark ruby red.

Bouquet: Vibrant, ripe plums and cassis reminds of Christmas-pudding with nutty textures and a hint of spice.

Tasting notes: A clean entrance on the palate with some blackcurrant and oaky characters. Medium bodied and drinkable with firm ripe tannins, good acidity and a firm structure. A great companion to meat dishes or pasta.