



Anno 1893

# CEDERBERG

SOUTH AFRICA

## MERLOT SHIRAZ 2018

With a cool continental climate, diverse soil types, unpolluted air and free-flowing crystal-clear waters. A great value for money wine.

### VINEYARDS

Facing:	South
Soil types:	Sandstone, Glenrosa, Slate and Hutton
Age:	15 - 21 years
Planted:	5.7 ha Merlot at 18 years, 3.98 ha Shiraz at 16 years
Yield per hectare:	8 t/ha
Trellised:	6 wire extended Perold
Irrigation:	Supplementary
Clone:	MO3 and SH22 on R99
Harvest date:	8 March - 5 April 2018

### WINEMAKING

Merlot and Shiraz grapes are vinified separately, hand harvested at 24-25 balling. Grapes cold soak for two days before it is inoculated with yeast. During fermentation colour /flavour extraction takes place with regular pump-overs every six hours and a maximum temperature of 27°C is reached. Once malolactic fermentation is completed in tank the wine is matured further in 225l French oak barrels are used for an additional 12 months. Blending of the wine only takes place after maturation. 70% Merlot and 30% Shiraz 60 %. 3rd Fill & 40% 4th fill barrels, medium and tight grain with medium and medium plus toasting.

### ANALYSIS

Alc 14.0 % vol	TA 5.9 g/l	RS 3.4 g/l	pH 3.5
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### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The blend shows an abundance of cherries, cranberries and sweet plums. A soft and silky palate with hints of chocolate and spice.

**Optimum Drinking Time:** Drink now or keep up to 4 years

### FOOD PAIRING

This wooded blend of shiraz and merlot leaves the door open for rich meaty dishes or/and vegetarian stews, but if you have a great barbeque with a sweet sauce and spices going - open more than one bottle! Mixed herb sauces and rich hamburgers will also do fine.

**Cheese:** Try appenzeller, a well matured asiago, blue brie, blue Camembert, emmental, fontina or leicester.

### ACCOLADES

Platter's SA Wine Guide '20: 4 stars – 2017 vintage  
 Platter's SA Wine Guide '19: 4 stars – 2016 vintage  
 Platter's Wine Guide '18: 3.5 stars – 2015 vintage  
 Stephen Tanzer - USA '17: 89 points – 2015 vintage  
 Wine Spectator Review '16: 87 points – 2013 vintage  
 Platter's SA Wine Guide '16: 3.5 stars – 2013 vintage  
 Ultra Value Wine Challenge '15: Silver – 2013 vintage  
 Stephen Tanzer '15: 87 points – 2013 vintage  
 Platter's SA Wine Guide '15: 3.5 stars – 2012 vintage  
 Platter's SA Wine Guide '14: 3.5 stars – 2011 vintage  
 Veritas '13: Silver – 2011 vintage  
 Wine Spectator '13: 88 points – 2010 vintage