



# GUARDIAN PEAK

## Merlot 2017

A profound, fruit-driven representation of an elegant, juicy, South African Merlot made for early enjoyment.

W.O. Western Cape  
Winemaker: Roelof Lotriet  
Merlot 100%  
Alc: 14.25% | Acid: 5.7g/l | pH: 3.57 | RS: 4.9g/l  
Date Bottled: 02 August 2017  
Date Tasted: 23 October 2017  
Date Released: 1 December 2017

## *Live with wine*



The red fruit and herbaceous aromas excite the nose on first impression, followed by secondary aromas of tobacco, fresh cherries and slight hint of leather.

The fresh, ripe red fruit flavours of strawberries and red currants are supported by soft, discreet tannins which create a well-balanced, elegant Merlot with a round, juicy finish. This wine shows wonderful structure for a wine best consumed at a young age.

Vinified in a combination of open and closed top fermenters. Second and third fill French oak 300L barrels for 6 months.

Different soil types and climatic conditions allow for adding complexity to the wine. A diverse composition of soil and topography add complexity and an array of different characteristics to the wine.

