

KEN
FORRESTER
VINEYARDS
GRANTED 1689

RESERVE
RANGE



MERLOT RESERVE, PAT'S GARDEN 2017

TASTING NOTES

Hints of cherries and mint with meat-spice and smoky undertones. Softly rounded and accessible wine with balanced tannins for early drinking.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Serve with meat dishes, grills and roast lamb.

ACCOLADES:

Ken Forrester Merlot Reserve Pat's Garden 2016
Platter's 2020 – 3½ stars

Ken Forrester Merlot Reserve Pat's Garden 2015
Platter's 2018 – 3½ stars

Ken Forrester Merlot Reserve Pat's Garden 2014
Platter's 2017 – 3½ stars

Ken Forrester Merlot Reserve 2013
Platter's 2016 – 3½ stars & Hidden Gem

GRAPE VARIETIES

94% Merlot / 6% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD

Region: Stellenbosch

Soil: Duplex with some clay – Kroonstad

Locality: South-south-west

HARVEST

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.

Yield: 8 tons per hectare

IN THE CELLAR

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.

ANALYSIS

Alc 14.0

TA 5.8

RS 2.8

pH 3.46