

# MERLOT 2018

#### **VARIETY**

100% Merlot

#### **WINE STYLE**

A medium- to full-bodied red fruit-driven wine made in a New World style.

### **MATURATION**

40% of this wine was matured in 225-litre French oak barrels for a period of 12 months. The balance was oak-staved for 6 months, with added microoxygenation.

#### **VINIFICATION**

The grapes originate from the Swartland and Agter-Paarl areas. The grapes were picked at optimal fruit ripeness and were allowed to ferment with selected red wine yeast at between 26 °C and 28 °C, with regular pump-overs and punch-downs.

#### **NOSE**

Prominent red fruit aromas of cherry and hints of blueberry. Subtle notes of toasted almonds and nutmeg aromas that follow through with earthy undertones.

#### **PALATE**

Rich and ripe tannins give this wine its structure and body. Smooth and soft on the palate ensuring a lingering after-taste.

#### **FOOD**

Enjoy with a roasted tomato-based pasta or beef brisket. Also to be enjoyed with rich, cheesy gratins and an open-fire grilled steak.

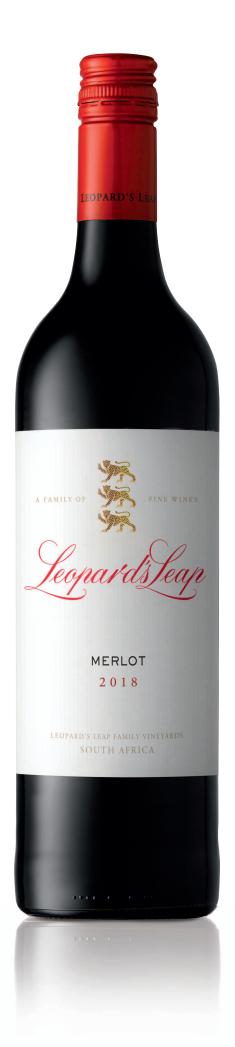
The more adventurous can experiment with dark chocolate-inspired desserts.

 Alcohol
 13,5% Vol

 Total acid
 5,6 g/l

 pH
 3,57

 Residual sugar
 3,9 g/l



## PAIRS WELL WITH:







Starry skies



**Banter** 



Saucy burgers



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