# **STELLENBOSCH HERITAGE SINCE 1690**



# **MERLOT 2021**

Located in Stellenbosch, the farm of Welmoed was first granted to Governor Simon van der Stel in 1690. Over the years, many great wines have been produced in the Welmoed cellar. Today, Welmoed maintains its proud winemaking tradition.

## **GRAPE VARIETALS**

100% Merlot

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested at 23° to 25° Balling at the end of February and early March. Fermentation took place at 24° to 27°Celsius in static red fermenters, followed by a two-day cold soak to achieve an intense extract. Malolactic fermentation and maturation took place in stainless steel tanks with selected medium toast French oak staves for approximately eight months.

### **TASTING NOTES**

Appearance: A deep red colour.

Nose: This wine displays multiple layers with aromas of mulberries, plums and vanilla.

Palate: A refined palate with notes of black berries, cherries and a hint of mint, complemented with soft ripe tannins.

Excellent served with meat dishes or a platter of cold meats and pickled vegetables.

**AGEING POTENTIAL** The wine is ready to drink now with the potential to age for three years.

WINE OF ORIGIN Stellenbosch, South Africa

WINE ANALYSIS Alcohol: 13.45% Residual Sugar: 3.4 g/L

**Total Acidity:** 5.45 g/L **pH:** 3.47



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