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# CEDERBERG

SOUTH AFRICA

## MERLOT-SHIRAZ 2022

Benefiting from diverse soil types, unpolluted air and free-flowing, crystal-clear water, Cederberg Wines is situated at 1 036 metres above sea level in a virus-free growing area. Consequently, 250 kilometres from Cape Town you will find the highest wine farm in the Western Cape. The climate is described as cool continental. In summer, expect a dramatic temperature drop at night; and, in winter, snow-capped mountains.

### VINEYARDS

Facing:	South
Soil types:	Sandstone, glenrosa, slate and hutton
Age:	5.7 ha Merlot – 20 years; 3.98 ha Shiraz – 17 years; 4.9 ha – 4 years
Planted:	14.58 ha
Yield per hectare:	8 t/ha
Trellised:	Extended six-wire Perold
Irrigation:	Supplementary
Clone:	MO3 and SH22 on R99
Harvest date:	23 February – 18 March 2022

### WINEMAKING

Merlot and Shiraz grapes are hand-harvested at 24–25 °B and vinified separately. Grapes are cold soaked for two days before being inoculated with yeast. During fermentation, colour/ flavour extraction takes place with regular pumpovers every six hours. A maximum temperature of 27 °C is reached. Once malolactic fermentation is completed in tank, the wine is matured for an additional 12 months in 225l French oak barrels (60% 3rd and 40% 4th fill medium and tight-grain barrels with medium and medium-plus toasting. Blending only takes place after maturation: 73% Merlot and 27% Shiraz.

### ANALYSIS

Alc 14% vol	TA 5.7 g/l	RS 3.1 g/l	pH 3.59
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### TASTING NOTES BY SANDY HARPER CWM

The beautiful, deep, burgundy-red colour of this wine leads to opulent aromas of plump black cherries and mulberries. Crushed black pepper and baker's spices add a delicious dimension to this very appealing wine. This fruit-driven blend with its soft, juicy tannins, broad flavours and refreshing acidity creates a lingering spicy fruit finish. This is a well-crafted wine that punches way above its price point.

**Optimum Drinking Time:** Drink now, or keep for four more years.

### FOOD PAIRING

The Cederberg Merlot-Shiraz 2022 is a superb all-rounder! Open a bottle to get the party going or serve it around a braai, your favourite slow-roasted casserole or a potjie. Or simply sip on it by the glass while you share special times with friends and family. The broad flavour profile of this wine should complement every occasion and most flavours. Just be mindful of strong spices and Indian-style hot curries.

### ACCOLADES

Platter's SA Wine Guide '23: 4 stars – 2020 vintage  
Platter's SA Wine Guide '22: 4 stars – 2019 vintage  
Platter's SA Wine Guide '20: 4 stars – 2017 vintage