



Balance

For life's lighter moments



Balance Winemaker's Selection Merlot

Wine Description

An elegant wine with aromatics of black cherries and currants finishing with subtle spice.

Vineyards

The vineyards lie in deep red soils ensuring excellent water-retention and adding structure and fullness to the wines.

Winemaking Techniques

The grapes were cold soaked for two days. After traditional skin fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged on French oak staves for 10 months.

Vintage Conditions

The average 2017 harvest temperature was low with exceptionally cold weather conditions. The vineyards generally showed good and balanced growth without being excessive or too vigorous. In most cases the water supply was sufficient while the ripening period was cooler and drier than usual. The grapes reached good acidity and lower pH levels and in most cases managed to accumulate sufficient sugar levels. The season was characterised by healthy, full-flavoured grapes.

Food Pairing

Serve with boeuf bourguignon, chicken marsala, quesadillas and minestrone soup.

Appellation: Western Cape, South Africa | **Varieties:** 100% Merlot | **Harvest Date:** March

Vintage: 2017 | **Alc:** 14.5% | **RS:** 4.1 | **pH:** 3.37 | **TA:** 5.4