Cape Heights Merlot, WO Western Cape 2024

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Boutinot South Africa

— Western Cape, South Africa

A supple and juicy Merlot sourced from long established Western Cape vineyards.

2019 Vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards Silver 2022

Production

Merlot grapes are sourced from long standing vineyards on the Swartland/Wellington borders and also the Breede River Valley. Low rainfall, warm weather, mainly decomposed granite soils and low trellised vines all adds really interesting complexity to the final wine. Grapes are picked in mid-March, destemmed and placed in open top fermenters. Pigeage is carried out four times daily (whilst up to half of the sugar is fermented), then only twice daily to the end of fermentation - this is a soft delicate way of wetting the cap and aerating the wine. Malolactic fermentation follows before the wine is left on its lees to extract extra depth and soft tannins. A touch of elegance is achieved by using a modest amount (10%) of oak.

Tasting note

A bright and juicy Merlot with an attractively ripe, red berry nose. A rounded spicy palate with generous plum and hedgerow fruit flavours leading to a fresh, gently spicy finish.

Food Match

Grilled lamb, pasta with a tomato-based sauce, chorizo and butterbean stew, spicy sausages and mash.

ABV:
14.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Please Select

Appellation:
Wo Western Cape

Winemaker:
Ryno Booysen

Grape Varieties:
Merlot 100%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Allergen Info:
Contains Sulphites and No Other Allergens

Bottle Barcode:
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