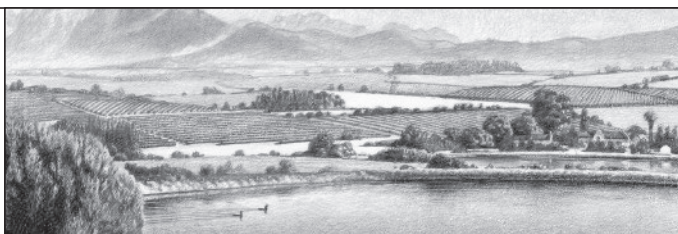


M·A·N Family Wines

Merlot 2014



Wine description & food pairing

An elegant, classic style of Merlot with distinctive plum flavours and soft tannins. Dark ruby-red with aromas of plum and cherry-tobacco spices, complemented by savoury and earthy notes typical of Merlot. On the palate, the wine is soft with gentle tannins and hints of dark chocolate and black cherry. The finish is long and lingering. This medium-bodied wine will be wonderful just by itself or paired with roast chicken, lamb stew, lasagne and barbecues. Serve at a cool room temperature.

Vineyards

From selected unirrigated vineyards in Agter-Paarl producing naturally low-yields with small berries.

Winemaking techniques

Grapes were hand-harvested at between 24 and 25° balling, crushed and de-stemmed, then fermented over 7 days in stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. The wine was pressed and put back into tank for malo-lactic fermentation. The wine was matured in mostly American oak barrels for 12 months. A small portion of unoaked wine makes for a softer complexity. Contributing to the structure and the body is 15% Cabernet Sauvignon that was blended in. Fined and filtered before bottling.

Vintage conditions

Favourable winter conditions in 2013 set the stage for a promising 2014 growing season. Early spring rains were welcomed and provided sufficient moisture in the soil to nurture the wines throughout the warmer periods during harvest. Although the crop was larger than usual and the red grapes ripened slower, the fruit could ripen prosperously and produced nicely concentrated fruit-forward wines.

Jan Fiskaal Merlot

The Jan Fiskaal (fiscal shrike) is a common sight in our vineyards. A small bird with a fierce reputation for driving out pests, its characteristic “chee-chee-chee” cry and black-and-white colouring make it easily recognisable.

Technical details:

Blend: Merlot 85%, Cabernet Sauvignon 15% • **Grape source:** 100% Coastal Region

Closure: Screwcap • **Barcode:** EAN 6009801341057 • **USA** 0-89419-17209-6

Alc: 14.0% • **RS:** 3.7 • **TA:** 5.1 • **pH:** 3.60