



MAN Family Wines
 Jan Fiskaal
 Merlot
 2023



This elegant wine has the hallmarks of a classic Merlot – dark fruit, earthy structure, and supple smooth tannins. The Jan Fiskaal (fiscal shrike) is a common sight in the vineyards. A small bird with a fierce reputation, its “chee-chee-chee” cry and black-and-white colouring make it easily recognisable.

WINE DESCRIPTION

This is an elegant, classic style of Merlot with plush, dark fruit flavours and smooth, structured tannins.

COLOUR: Dark ruby-red.

AROMA: Plum, cherry, and tobacco spices and earthy notes.

PALATE: Distinctive plum and cherry flavours, with a backbone of rich spices.

BODY: Medium to full body with soft, chewy tannins.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

VARIETAL: 90% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

GRAPE SOURCE: Cape Coast

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 3.1

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.2

PH: 3.59

VINTAGE

Dry-farmed vineyards tend to produce smaller berries, and lower yields this year made for looser bunches. Red wines from this vintage have abundant aromas and nice dark colours. The tannins were well managed during harvest and will continue to develop well in the bottle.

VINEYARDS

From several dry-farmed vineyards in the Agter-Paarl area. The Malmesbury Shale soils have excellent water retention ability and produce concentrated, flavourful grapes with small berries, making for juicy wines with balance and elegance.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-harvested and after crushing the grapes were fermented for over 7 days in stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. The wine was pressed and put back into tank for malolactic fermentation. The wine was matured in mostly American oak barrels for 12 months. For a softer profile, a small portion is left unoaked. Fined and filtered before bottling.

SUSTAINABILITY & PRODUCTION

Integrated Production of Wine (IPW) Certified.

This wine is vegan-friendly.

CLOSURE: Screwcap