



Aaldering

VINEYARDS & WINES

CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2018



Estate: Aaldering Vineyards & Wines
Origin: South Africa
Region: Stellenbosch
Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon – Merlot (60-40% blend)
Vintage: 2018
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Tasting Notes

An elegant blend with cedar, liquorice and cassis on the nose supported by a complex, well-rounded tannin structure.

Vineyard Notes

Cabernet Sauvignon - Estate
Cabernet Sauvignon Clone: CS 136
Hectare: 3,93 ha
Planted: 1998
Soil: Decomposed Granite
Hutton, Clovelly Soils
Merlot; Non estate - Stellenbosch

Rootstock Richter 101/14
Altitude: 110 – 150m above sea level
Orientation: South East facing

Winemaking Report

The growing season leading up to the 2018 vintage was exceptionally dry. This is where nature starts to provide for itself. The small rainfalls came at the right times when it was really needed. The roots of the vines started to search for water deeper in the soil allowing the plant to be less dependent on the ambient temperatures. This action will have a positive impact for the future vintages too.

Both cultivars were vinified separately, receiving different treatments according to grape phenolic profile. Pump overs occurred 4 times throughout a 24 hour period. Natural malolactic fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks. The wines were then aged separately in 225 liter French oak barrels (Barrique Bordelaise) for 27 months. Assemblage was decided upon, with the blend being 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot. These proportions were chosen after a thorough blending trial process.

Aging Potential

Already drinking beautifully but will cellar well for another 7-10 years. Bottled with a natural cork closure, in order to ensure a unique aging capacity. Ideal serving temperature between 16-18°C/61-64°F.

Food Matches

Rib-eye, lamb, green bell pepper, grilled vegetables, Mediterranean spices, garlic twists, mint.

Technical Analysis

ALC: 14,3% RS: 3,1g/l TA: 5,5g/l pH: 3.49