

Longridge Organic Merlot 2020



Region

This famous region is 30 miles north east of Cape Town yet still close enough to the ocean to benefit from cool maritime conditions. These beautiful vineyards are dominated by scenic mountains and the region is home to some of the Cape's most famous and influential wine estates. The most noted and important vineyards are located on the prized slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain. This small and highly rated sub-zone has fantastic terroir and is where many of South Africa's top red cuvees are produced.

Producer

Longridge strive to be as environmentally conscious as possible, providing excellent quality wines while minimizing the impact on the environment. They use renewable energy sources like solar energy and allow free-roaming ducks to help with pest control, and cattle for manure and compost. They focus on the varieties that are best suited to their climate and soils; Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc (Steen) and classic red varieties Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinotage. Biodynamic viticultural methods are utilised to the fullest and they follow natural winemaking using less sulphur dioxide and no commercial yeast, enzymes, fining agents, stabilizing agents or filtration methods.

Tasting Notes

This Merlot has lovely plump fruit with a mixture of dark and red fruit such as strawberries and plum with a hint of dark chocolate, cocoa green herbs and wet stones on the nose. This wine has been matured in 30% new French oak barrels for 16 months and is ready for drinking now with well-integrated vanilla oak and enough backbone to age further in the bottle.

Food

An ideal accompaniment to a range of styles of meat; smoked brisket, beef wellington or roast pork.

Technical Information

Country	South Africa
Region	Stellenbosch
Grape(s)	Merlot (100%)
Type	Red
Style	Smooth
Oaked Style	Oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Alcohol Content	14%
Closure Style	Cork
Organic/Biodynamic	Organic
Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes



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