



## Mount Rozier Merlot 2022

**Blend:** 100% Merlot

**Origin:** W.O. Stellenbosch

**Vineyard & Cellar:**

All vineyards are sustainably farmed to ensure best quality in the Stellenbosch wine growing region. Vineyards are grown on a south facing slope on Tukulu, medium-high decomposed granite soils and vines are trellised with an extended 7 wire Perold system with drip irrigation.

The grapes are hand-picked in early February. Each bunch is pre-chilled before being destemmed and sorted. The grapes are fermented whole in open-top fermenters which allows for a gradual extraction of tannins and colour, promoting finesse, balance, and longevity. During fermentation, the tanks were only punched down twice per day to prevent over extraction of tannins. At 6 balling the tanks were pressed with a basket press and the wine finished fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Malolactic fermentation also took place in stainless steel tanks. Wine was then barrel matured for 6 months before being bottled.

**Tasting Notes:**

Vibrant light red plummy colour. Fruit forward nose with lots of red fruits like cranberry, ripe strawberry, plums and hints of violets. Medium bodied fruit forward palette with red fruits and a smooth slight sweeter finish.

**Wine Analysis:** Alc. 14% P.H. 3.5 R.S. 3.0 T.A. 5.50

*We fine our wines with bentonite, which means our wine is vegan friendly.*