

Val De Ra

RED BLEND

Vintage: 2023

Wine of origin: Stellenbosch

Variety: Cabernet 60% Merlot 40%

Viticulture:

Sourced from the finest vineyards in the Helderberg. Cabernet Sauvignon, grown on granite-rich mountain slopes, benefits from cool coastal breezes and diurnal temperature shifts, resulting in concentrated fruit, deep color, and structured tannins. Merlot adds balance, bringing plush texture and vibrant fruit. Meticulous vineyard practices, including bunch and leaf thinning, ensure optimal quality.

Winemaking:

Only the finest hand-harvested grapes were vinified with meticulous quality control. Fermentation occurred in stainless-steel tanks for two weeks, with regular pump-overs to extract vibrant colour and tannins. Each vineyard component was vinified separately. Extended skin maceration enhanced structure, while malolactic fermentation preserved blueberry notes and freshness. The wine aged in French oak for 12 months, with 20% new oak.

Tasting Notes:

The Val De Ra Red Blend harmonizes Cabernet Sauvignon's intensity with Merlot's elegance, creating a balanced, fruit-driven wine. Its vibrant ruby hue introduces aromas of ripe cassis, dark cherry, and plum, accented by cedar, cigar-box spice, and mocha. The smooth, refined palate reveals blackberry, cherry, and cassis, with silky tannins, graphite minerality, and a lingering tobacco leaf finish.

Food Pairing:

Sushi and smoked salmon, strawberry and soft cheese salads, and prosciutto pizza.

Alc: 14 % vol | RS: 2.5 g/l | TA: 5.8 g/l | Ph:3.5

