

GUARDIAN PEAK

MERLOT 2019



Variety: 100% Merlot
Winery: Guardian Peak
Winemaker: Philip van Staden
Wine of origin: Stellenbosch, Western Cape, South Africa
Alcohol: 14.1%
Analysis: TA: 5.6g/l pH: 3.46 RS: 4.0g/l
Bottle size: 750ml
Closure: Stelvin
SKU #: 776495

TASTING NOTE

This Merlot was vinified in a combination of open & closed top stainless-steel fermenters to preserve the fresh fruit flavours. After fermentation, the wine was transferred to seasoned French Oak barrels for 6 months maturation.

The 2019 Guardian Peak Merlot displays fresh, ripe red fruit flavours of Figs and Plums supported by soft, discreet tannins which create a well-balanced, elegant Merlot with a round, juicy finish. This wine shows wonderful structure for a wine best consumed at a young age.

SERVE WITH

Pizza, Spaghetti Bolognese, Stews.

NOTEWORTHY SCORES/AWARDS

3*/5* stars - Malu Lambert, Platter's South African Wine Guide 2021

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Guardian Peak is also owned by Jean Englebrecht from Rust en Vrede Estate Winery. Rust en Vrede is a WWF Conservation Champion, an environmental leader in sustainable farming practices and conservation. Undisturbed natural habitat has been identified and the owners have made long-term commitments to conserve and maintain these areas.

We believe that we continually working towards providing a habitat suitable for our indigenous fauna and flora. Not only in the efforts that we have put in our allocated conservation areas, but in the whole way in which the farm gets managed.

Cover crops help improve the soil structure and create a positive environment for soil organisms to flourish while limiting the erosion effects of rainwater. Most farming activities are done by hand and tractors are banned in newly planted vineyards blocks for the first three years to prevent compaction of soil. Recycling processes are in place, no waste dumped on the premises and a record of all fuel consumption – and carbon outputted – is also kept.