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Delheim Family Premium Merlot 2019, Stellenbosch



Country :	South Africa
Grape Variety :	Merlot 100%
Closure :	Cork
Cellar Potential :	3 years
Residual Sugar :	3.3 g
Alcohol :	14.5%
Bottle Size :	75 cl
Case Size :	6
Vegan :	Yes
Vegetarian :	Yes
Case Barcode :	16002083000664

Grower

Delheim is owned by the Sperling family. The late Michael Hans “Spatz” Sperling, was the Patriarch and also a South African wine industry legend. His wife Vera still resides on the farm. Eldest son Victor Sperling and eldest daughter Nora Sperling-Thiel serve as Directors of the company and live on the farm with their families.

Vineyards

Block name(s): Pinetrees, Peperboom and Langry draad. Year planted: 2008, 2002,1998. Size: 2.51ha, 3.02ha and 4.36ha. Soil: Oakleaf profile, mainly decomposed granite. Slope: South-West facing. Elevation : 260-300m above sea level.

Winery Philosophy

We believe that we are the custodians of this land, and that we must tread lightly in order to minimise the impact we have on it. We strive to gain a sense of timelessness (allow our vineyards to grow old) and tell stories in our wines, but if we want to achieve that, we need one eye on the future. In everything we do, we seek longevity and sustainability.

Winemaker

Roelof Lotriet.

Vinification

Handpicked grapes were de-stemmed and crushed. The wine was fermented in Stainless steel tanks with pump-overs done 3 times a day. The wine was fermented dry and then pressed. Malolactic fermentation was done partially in barrel and tanks. The wine was then matured in French oak barrels (300L barrels) for a period of 12 months before blending. A light filtration was done before bottling.

Tasting Notes

Notes of tobacco, dark fruit mainly plum and hints of buchu. A medium bodied and fruit driven style of Merlot, with a subtle structure and silky tannins. Fleshy plums, cigar box and oak undertones with very smooth and silky tannins. Perfect to savour on its own but also a great companion to a hearty lamb dish, for example lamb shank and roasted vine dried tomatoes.

Awards

N/A

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