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BANGHOEK RESERVE MERLOT 2017



#### VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Despite the drought, the dry, warm weather resulted in healthy grapes and small berries with good intensity. Warm days and below average cool nights during the ripening stage gave the colour and flavour development a positive boost.

#### VINEYARDS & HARVEST

The grapes were handpicked in the early hours of the morning from the Estate's oldest single vineyard.

#### GRAPE VARIETALS

100% Merlot

#### VINIFICATION

The Merlot was vinified with care and passion. Extensive sorting of the grapes formed part of the quality management process. The grapes were de-stemmed only, not crushed, to ensure gentle extraction of fruit flavours. Punch downs only and matured for 16 months in 80% new French oak barrels.

#### TASTING NOTES

Firm and well balanced, this Merlot is characterised by spicy, dark plum and berry flavours, whilst silky, ripe tannins ensure a long and lingering finish.

#### WINE OF ORIGIN

Banghoek, South Africa

#### WINE ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar: 2.6 g/l

pH: 3.40

Total Acidity: 6.1 g/l

Alcohol: 14.5%

Safra 2016. Vinícola Delaire Graff em 08/10/2019. Stellenbosch/ZA.