

# The Game Reserve Merlot 2015

main variety Merlot	vintage 2015
analysis alc: 14.00   rs: 2.7	
type <b>Red</b>	producer Game Reserve Wines
style <b>Dry</b>	winemaker The Game Reserve
taste Fruity	wine of origin Western Cape
body Medium	

### tasting notes

The nose shows aromas of fresh cassis, black plums, violets and a minty character. Succulent berry fruits and plum pudding nuances, supported by spice and cedar wood flavours on the palate. A medium-structured wine with elegant ripe tannins on the finish.

#### blend information 100% Merlot

## food suggestions

Sublime with steak, hearty casseroles, roast chicken or lamb shanks.

### in the vineyard

Selected Merlot vineyards from Firgrove, Stellenbosch and Constantia planted on decomposed granite soils and Groenekloof planted on well weathered deep red soils.

## about the harvest

Handpicked at optimum ripeness at 24° - 25° B in March 2014

## in the cellar

Aerated pump overs with extended maceration after alcoholic fermentation . Gentle handling ensures upfront fruit flavours and soft extraction. Barrel maturation for 12 months in 1st (20 %), 2nd (40 %) and 3rd (40 %) fill French Oak.