



M·A·N Family Wines

Jan Fiskaal

Merlot

2018



The Jan Fiskaal (fiscal shrike) is a common sight in our vineyards. A small bird with a fierce reputation for driving out pests, its characteristic “chee-chee-chee” cry and black-and-white colouring make it easily recognisable.

Winemaking

Grapes were hand-harvested at between 24 and 25° balling, crushed and de-stemmed, then fermented over 7 days in stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. The wine was pressed and put back into tank for malolactic fermentation. The wine was matured in mostly American oak barrels for 12 months. A small portion of unoaked wine makes for a softer complexity. Fined and filtered before bottling.

Vineyards

From selected unirrigated vineyards in Agter-Paarl producing naturally low-yields with small berries.

Technical details

Blend: 85% Merlot, 8% Malbec, 4% Petit Syrah, 3% Petit Verdot

Grape source: 100% Coastal Region

Closure: Screwcap

Barcode: EAN 6009801341057

Alc: 14.0% **RS:** 4.2 **TA:** 5.4 **pH:** 3.51

Wine description

An elegant, classic style of Merlot with distinctive plum flavours and soft tannins. Dark ruby-red with aromas of plum, cherry and tobacco spices, complemented by savory and earthy notes typical of Merlot. On the palate, the wine is soft with gentle tannins and hints of dark chocolate and blueberry. The finish is long and lingering. This medium-bodied wine will be wonderful just by itself or paired with roast chicken, lamb stew, lasagna and barbeque. Serve at room temperature.

Vintage

2018 was a very dry and short season with hardly any rainfall. This resulted in substantial preservation of aromatics in the wines. Unusually cool evenings were much appreciated and resulted in a healthy crop with minimal threat of disease. The lower temperatures also encouraged good moisture retention in the soils, thus lending intensely concentrated colour to the red wines.

The Integrity and Sustainability certification seal

- The vintage, variety and origin on the label are correct
- The wine has been produced sustainably, in an environmentally-friendly manner
- The wine can be traced back all the way from the vine to the bottle
- It was bottled in South Africa – so it is 100% South African

