



MAN Family Wines

Jan Fiskaal

Merlot

2022



This elegant wine has the hallmarks of a classic Merlot — dark fruit, earthy structure, and supple smooth tannins. The Jan Fiskaal (fiscal shrike) is a common sight in the vineyards. A small bird with a fierce reputation, its “chee-chee-chee” cry and black-and-white colouring make it easily recognisable.

WINE DESCRIPTION

This is an elegant, classic style of Merlot with plush, dark fruit flavours and smooth, structured tannins.

COLOUR: Dark ruby-red.

AROMA: Plum, cherry, and tobacco spices and earthy notes.

PALATE: Medium to full body, soft tannins, a long and lingering finish.

BODY: Crisp, well-integrated acidity is balanced by richness from the touch of Sémillon used in blending, resulting in a well-rounded and creamy mouthfeel.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

VARIETAL: 90% Merlot, 9% Petit

Verdot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

GRAPE SOURCE: Cape Coast

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 3.1

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.2

PH: 3.59

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage had excellent growing conditions. Overall, the conditions were favourable for colour and aroma preservation in red wines. The grapes are aromatic and balanced, with deep colour, pronounced fruit expression and soft tannins. This was a very high quality vintage with strong wines across the board.

VINEYARDS

From several dry-farmed vineyards in the Agter-Paarl area. The Malmesbury Shale soils have excellent water retention ability and produce concentrated, flavourful grapes with small berries, making for juicy wines with balance and elegance.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-harvested and after crushing the grapes were fermented for 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. For a softer profile, a small portion is left unoaked. Fined and filtered before bottling.

SUSTAINABILITY & PRODUCTION

Integrated Production of Wine (IPW) Certified.

This wine is vegan-friendly.

CLOSURE: Screwcap

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