



FOUNDED 1693
FAIRVIEW

Established in 1693, Fairview cellar with its spectacular view of Table Mountain lies on the south western slopes of Paarl at the Cape of Good Hope. Fairview was purchased by my grandfather in 1937 and I am the third generation of my family to make wine here. We have vineyards in the leading coastal grape producing areas, where geographic and climatic diversity allows us to craft a range of truly distinctive wines, complemented by Fairview's range of award winning artisanal cheeses. To Life!

 Charles Back



Fairview Stellenbosch Merlot 2018

IN THE VINEYARD:

This Merlot is from Stellenbosch, Paarl and Darling origin for this vintage. The Darling and Stellenbosch vineyards is in close proximity to the coast. The vines grow on gravel (koffieklip) and decomposed granite soils. All vineyards are trellised on the 5 wire extended Perold system. Summer canopy management practices include tipping, leaf removal and shoot positioning to ensure sufficient sunlight penetration into the canopy.

HARVEST DATE

Middle of February 2018

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were harvested at 25.0 degrees balling, destalked and gently crushed into stainless steel tanks. Pump-overs were done up to three times a day. After fermentation the wine was racked into barrels for malolactic fermentation and matured for 12 months in French oak barrels of which 15% was new oak.

A portion of the wine was hand-sorted, fermented in an open top wooden vat and basket pressed. This handcrafted portion of Merlot adds depth and complexity to the final blend.

TASTING NOTE:

Bright ruby red in colour with aromas of red berries, plum and mocha. Medium bodied palate with juicy tannins, classic Merlot red fruit flavours and with a harmoniously soft finish.

FOOD RECOMMENDATION:

A wonderfully versatile style of wine, pairs with elegantly flavoured meats like beef fillet or veal.

Wine of Origin Coastal

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual sugar 3.6 g/l

Total acid 5.5 g/l

pH 3.53

Varieties

Merlot 100%

Closure Diam