



# BEYERSKLOOF

## Cabernet Sauvignon | Merlot 2013

The Beyerskloof Cabernet Sauvignon | Merlot blend is the newest member to our family. An exciting addition in our innovative approach to wine making. This classic blend, well crafted and smooth, seamlessly complements rich tannin and cassis flavours with fruit and berry notes. A lovely wine to enjoy every day.

**Wine Name:** Beyerskloof Cabernet Sauvignon | Merlot  
**Varietal(s):** 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Merlot  
**Vintage:** 2013  
**Soil:** Hutton, Clovelly and Kroonstad  
**Trellising:** 5 wire hedge

**Vintage Notes:** Good rainfalls and ideal cold weather conditions during winter ensured good nutrient storage and led to sufficient underground water levels for the growing season. The early growing season with cool/moderate day time temperatures and cool evenings produced even budding. A mild December/January provided ideal ripening conditions for the first Pinotage grapes, however heavy rains in early February resulted in difficult harvesting conditions. Mild temperatures had a positive effect on the cultivars picked later in March which resulted in grapes harvested at optimal ripeness, producing good colour and aroma extraction.

**Winemaking:** Different systems of skin contact and fermentation in open fermenters, roto tanks and fermentomatics. 4 to 5 days on skins at 25°C. After malolactic fermentation the wine was treated with oak.



## Technical Information

**Total Acidity:** 5.46 g/l  
**Alcohol:** 14.14 %  
**pH:** 3.60  
**Total SO<sub>2</sub>:** 141 mg/l  
**Residual Sugar:** 3.43 g/l  
**Age of Vines:** 10-20 years old

**Colour:** Deep Ruby Red Colour.

**Bouquet:** Vibrant, ripe plums and cassis reminds of Christmas pudding with nutty textures and a hint of spice.

**Tasting notes:** Clean entrance on the palate with some blackcurrant and oak characters. Medium bodied and drinkable with firm ripe tannins, good acidity and a firm structure. A great companion to meat dishes or pasta.