

INDABA Merlot 2013



Winemaker	Bruwer Raats
Varietal Blend	100% Merlot
Appellation	Western Cape
Alcohol Content	14.5%
TA	6.1 g/l
pH	3.2
RS	4.7 g/l

Noteworthy

A commitment to social responsibility is a key part of the Indaba philosophy, and a portion of the brand's sales supports a wine-related scholarship program.

Certifications

Integrated Production of Wines (IPW) Certified, Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) Level 5

VINEYARDS:

Grapes were sourced from select vineyard sites in Paarl-Paardeberg, that are planted in soils of decomposed dolomite granite and deep weathered shale, with a good moisture retention capacity. Most of the vineyards are located on the cooler east-facing slopes.

VINTAGE:

A cold, wet winter leading up to the 2013 harvest ensured that soils were sufficiently moist, resulting in even budding and good growth. Weather during harvest was moderate, with some light rainfall providing a cooling effect as well as some natural irrigation to aid with ripening. Small berries translated into wines packed with intense, concentrated fruit flavors.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:

The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours, de-stemmed, crushed and left to cold soak for two to three days. The individual components were then fermented on the skins in stainless steel tanks until dry, with gentle pumpovers performed regularly. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in tank and was aged in French oak for six to seven months.

TASTING NOTES:

Crafted in a fresh, clean style, this velvety Merlot offers lively, succulent flavors of cherry, dark berry and plum backed by subtle chocolate and herbal nuances and an elegant minerality.