



Merlot 2016

Rainbows End is a boutique family vineyard offering quality from beginning to end. The Malan family have adopted a combination of traditional and new-world wine-making techniques. Anton, the cellar master, and brother Francois, the viticulturist and winemaker, take part in the various phases of production. Bunch selection, picking at dawn, sorting and plunging in open fermenters are all scrupulously done by hand to create these unique Bordeaux style Stellenbosch wines.

IN THE VINEYARD

Rainbow's End is endowed with deep red, oakleaf soils varying in stone fraction and its height varies between 350m and 540m above sea level. Twenty-three hectares of mountain slopes are cultivated to vines of the Bordeaux variety.

WINEMAKING

12 Months in 33.3% new wood, 33.3% second fill and 33.3% third fill French barrels. Two rackings during wood-maturation thereafter bottled without filtering or fining. Natural deposits may therefore be found in the bottle.

WINE INFORMATION

Production area: Stellenbosch
Cultivar: Merlot

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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| Alcohol: | 14.5 vol % |
| pH: | 3.49 |
| Total Acid: | 6.1 g/l |
| RS: | 2.5 g/l |

TASTING NOTE

Deep crimson color. Whiffs of mulberries and plums. Hints of choc mint, fudge and toffee on the palate. Velvety mouth feel, with sturdy rounded tannins and a long lasting finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Roast chicken, Meatloaf, Bean and Lentil Dishes, Mild Hard Cheeses.

ACCOLADES

James Suckling – 88 Points (previous Vintage)
Wine Spectator – 90 Points (Previous Vintage)

MORE DETAILS

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