

Signatures of Doolhof

Single Vineyard Merlot 2018



A classic Merlot with a velvety balance of red and dark fruit with well integrated oak nuances.

Tasting Notes:

This Merlot has a beautiful deep red hue with aromas of blackberries, truffle and cassis with hints of vanilla. Medium-bodied and complex, this wine has a juicy mouthfeel. The palate is layered with plush fruit, hints of chocolate and is well supported by silky smooth tannins that lead to a long and smooth finish.

Winemaker's Notes:

From our premium vineyard on an elevated hill centrally situated on the estate, these vines are planted on a granitic Oakleaf soil with a deep shale base. Hand picked, with bunch sorting done at the cellar before destemming and crushing lightly. After two days of cold soaking, the fermentation was started. This lasted 6 days with two pump-overs a day at temperatures between 23 and 28 degrees celsius. After fermentation a further maceration was allowed for another 7 days after which the wine was removed from the skins. MLF happened in stainless steel tanks and afterwards the wine was aged in 40% new french oak 300 l barrels for 12 months. Bottling took place in June 2019. Keep up to 2027.

Analysis:

Alcohol:	13.51
pH:	3.45
Total Acidity:	6
Residual Sugar:	3.8

Serving Suggestion:

Serve with hearty dishes like a grilled T-bone with herbed butter, Osso Bucco or try with a dark chocolate flourless cake.

Chef's Special:

Beef Wellington

SAWI Rating:

93+

Awards:

Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2006	Gold	Concours Mondiall de Bruxelles 2008
Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2007	Double Gold	Veritas 2010
Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2008	Silver	Veritas 2011
	88 Points	Parker
Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2016	Double Gold	National Wine challenge 2018
Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2017	Top Merlot for area	Novarre Terroir wine awards 2018
Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2017	Trophy for best Merlot in SA	Novarre Terroir wine awards 2019
	Grand Gold Status	SAWI

