

## Vergelegen GVB Red 2018

*Vergelegen, one of South Africa's most iconic estates, has established itself as a benchmark for quality and elegance. Located in the renowned Stellenbosch wine region, Vergelegen is celebrated for crafting wines of exceptional depth, complexity, and sophistication. The Vergelegen GVB Red 2018 is a prime example of the estate's dedication to excellence, offering a richly layered and age-worthy wine.*



### General Information

- **Producer:** Vergelegen
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc
- **Vintage:** 2018
- **Alcohol Content:** 14%
- **Volume:** 750ml



### Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Rondekop Vineyards, situated 200 - 220 meters above sea level
- **Soil Type:** Predominantly Glenrosa (Lithic group) soil forms
- **Viticulture Practices:** The vineyards are extremely wind-exposed, leading to thick-skinned berries that deliver very concentrated juice, ensuring the wine's structure and intensity.



### Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes were sourced from low-yielding vineyards (3-4 tons/ha) and handpicked to ensure quality.
- **Vinification:** The juice was fermented with local yeasts and underwent maceration for 5 weeks. Maturation took place in 100% new 225L Sylvain and Taransaud French oak barrels with at least three rackings over a 24-month period.



## Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Deep ruby color.
- **Aroma:** Expressions of red berry fruits, hints of cedarwood, and tobacco leaf.
- **Palate:** The palate shows great texture and elegance, with flavors that will further develop with time.
- **Finish:** A refined and lingering finish with fruit and earthy undertones.



## Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Enjoy this wine with roast duck, lightly grilled steak, or stews.



## Sustainable Practices and Certifications

- Vergelegen is a pioneer in sustainability and biodiversity efforts:
- Awarded the Sustainable Wine Tourism Practices prize in the 2024 Best of Wine Tourism Awards, demonstrating its commitment to eco-friendly winemaking.
- The estate was the first South African Biodiversity and Wine Initiative Champion in 2005, with sustainability remaining central to all activities. Vergelegen's significant alien vegetation clearing project culminated in a 1900-hectare reserve, granted the same protection status as the Kruger National Park.
- They actively support Fairtrade, reduce carbon emissions, practice land conservation by keeping over 2,000 hectares free from agricultural activity, and are a participant in the Cape Leopard Trust.



## Awards and Recognition

- The Vergelegen GVB Red has consistently received high praise across multiple vintages, with Tim Atkin awarding scores over 90 points and Platter's Guide frequently rating it 4½ to 5 stars. These accolades affirm the GVB Red as one of South Africa's premier wines, showcasing its quality, depth, and complexity.

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## Producer's Notes

Vergelegen GVB Red 2018 is a testament to the estate's dedication to producing wines of exceptional quality. With its refined character and aging potential, this vintage represents a standout achievement in Stellenbosch, offering remarkable depth and complexity.