

Vergelegen Florence Rosé 2023

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 Florence Rosé 2023 captures this tradition with a fresh and vibrant expression of the Shiraz and Grenache grapes.



General Information

- **Producer:** Vergelegen
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 80% Shiraz, 20% Grenache
- **Vintage:** 2023
- **Alcohol Content:** 13.5%
- **Volume:** 750ml



Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Harvested from low-yielding Stellenbosch vineyards.
- **Soil Type:** Different soil types, predominantly Glenrosa and Clovelly soils.



Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes were hand-picked to ensure quality.
- **Vinification:** Whole bunch pressed to limit color and phenolic extraction, with a careful pressing to achieve approximately 500 liters per ton. Crafted in a fresh and aromatic style.



Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Pale rose gold color.
- **Aroma:** Fresh strawberries on the nose.
- **Palate:** Displays fresh strawberry flavors with racy acidity.



Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Pairs perfectly with sushi, fresh oysters, or a fragrant Cape Malay curry.



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

Producer's Notes

The Vergelegen Chardonnay Reserve 2022 represents the estate's dedication to crafting premium wines, offering a refined balance of freshness, complexity, and oak influence that showcases the Chardonnay grape's full potential.