

Vergelegen Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 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 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2018 exemplifies this tradition with its rich and layered expression of the Cabernet Sauvignon grape.



General Information

- **Producer:** Vergelegen
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- **Vintage:** 2018
- **Alcohol Content:** 14%
- **Volume:** 750ml



Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** The grapes were selected from Vergelegen's Rooiland and Stonepine vineyards, which are all north to northwest-facing.
- **Soil Type:** Granite, Hutton, and Clovelly soils.



Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes were handpicked for optimal quality.
- **Vinification:** Fermented in open/closed tanks at a constant temperature of 25°C, with pump-overs every 6 hours to maximize color and tannin extraction. The wine matured for 16 months in French oak barrels (40% new oak) from Taransaud, Darnajou & Sylvain.



Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Deep ruby colour.
- **Aroma:** Complex, showing spice, ripe red fruit, and attractive cigar box notes.
- **Palate:** Full and rich with prominent tannins, exhibiting beautiful elegance.



Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Best served with steak, lamb, or risotto.



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 Cabernet Sauvignon has received notable accolades, with previous vintages earning up to 94 points from Platter's Guide and 93 points from Tim Atkin, showcasing its consistent quality.

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Producer's Notes

The Vergelegen Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2018 captures the essence of the estate's winemaking philosophy, delivering a full-bodied, complex wine with layers of flavor and a structure that reflects the unique terroir of Stellenbosch.