

Vergelegen Shiraz 2020

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 Shiraz Reserve 2020 continues this tradition, offering a beautifully balanced wine with rich flavors and refined character.



General Information

- **Producer:** Vergelegen
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 100% Shiraz
- **Vintage:** 2020
- **Alcohol Content:** 14%
- **Volume:** 750ml



Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** The grapes were sourced from Vergelegen's Rooiland vineyards, planted on the north to north-westerly slopes.
- **Soil Type:** Predominantly Glenrosa and Clovelly soils.



Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Hand-picked grapes were selected for quality.
- **Vinification:** After fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine was transferred into 25% new French oak barrels for 16 months of maturation.



Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Beautiful purple hue.
- **Aroma:** Notes of cinnamon and spice, complemented by soft floral characteristics and plummy aromas.
- **Palate:** Juicy and balanced with flavors of mulberry and crushed pepper, finishing elegantly.



Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Ideal with spicy dishes like mild curries or well-seasoned meats.



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 Shiraz has received significant acclaim, with high scores such as 93 points from Gilbert & Gaillard and 92 points from Tim Atkin. These accolades affirm the wine's exceptional quality and its status as one of South Africa's finest Shiraz offerings.

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Producer's Notes

The Vergelegen Shiraz Reserve 2020 represents the estate's dedication to producing refined, complex wines that capture the essence of Stellenbosch's terroir, offering an elegant balance of fruit, spice, and oak.