

Vergelegen V 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 V 2018 is a prime example of the estate's dedication to excellence, offering a richly textured and age-worthy wine that captures the essence of its unique terroir.



General Information

- **Producer:** Vergelegen
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot
- **Vintage:** 2018
- **Alcohol Content:** 14%
- **Volume:** 750ml



Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Stellenbosch
- **Soil Type:** Pinedene and Glenrosa soils, which are well-drained and slightly limiting in vigor, providing good buffer capacity to support the vines in adverse climatic conditions. The vineyard benefits from a predominantly maritime climate, ensuring full ripening of the fruit.
- **Viticulture Practices:** Vineyards are sheltered from prevailing breezes off False Bay, enjoying a slightly warmer maritime climate, ideal for Cabernet Sauvignon.



Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes were hand-picked and underwent fermentation in closed tanks at temperatures of 28-30°C.
- **Vinification:** The wine received a post-fermentation maceration of 28 days, followed by malolactic fermentation in new French oak.
- **Aging:** Matured in barrels for 16 months, followed by 24 months in bottle before release.



Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Deep ruby color.
- **Aroma:** Pure and fresh with notes of spice, dark chocolate, and cedar wood.
- **Palate:** Displays a sophisticated and refined taste with a balance of flavors that highlight the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blend.



Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Perfect with lamb shank, beef risotto, or rib-eye steak.



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 V has received high acclaim across various vintages. With consistently high scores from respected wine critics such as Tim Atkin and Platter's Guide, it stands out as one of South Africa's most prestigious wines. These recognitions affirm Vergelegen V's exceptional quality, elegance, and complexity. The 2018 vintage achieved 95 points from Tim Atkin.

Producer's Notes

The Vergelegen V 2018 represents a journey through time, exploration, innovation, heritage, and refinement. This wine captures the essence of Vergelegen, meaning "situated far away," but remains "here and now," embracing the rhythm of nature.