

Vergelegen Premium Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot 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 Premium Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot 2020 showcases this tradition with a blend of vibrant fruit flavors and refined tannins.



General Information

- **Producer:** Vergelegen
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc
- **Vintage:** 2020
- **Alcohol Content:** 14%
- **Volume:** 750ml



Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Sourced from north and north-westerly vineyards at Vergelegen Estate.
- **Soil Type:** Granite, Hutton, and weathered shale.



Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Handpicked grapes from Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon blocks.
- **Vinification:** The wine spent 18 months in 20% new French oak barrels, contributing to the wine's complexity and finesse.



Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Bright, inky color.
- **Aroma:** A complex mix of fresh blackberries, blueberries, slate, cedar, and a bouquet garni.
- **Palate:** Lively dark fruit flavors dominate, complemented by fine supple tannins and a long, focused finish with mineral edges.



Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Best enjoyed with grilled meats and hearty pasta dishes.



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 Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot blend has consistently earned high acclaim, with previous vintages scoring up to 93 points from Tim Atkin and 4 stars from Platter's Guide.

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Producer's Notes

The Vergelegen Premium Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot 2020 embodies the estate's dedication to creating elegant, well-structured wines with a harmonious blend of fruit and tannins, showcasing Stellenbosch's unique terroir.