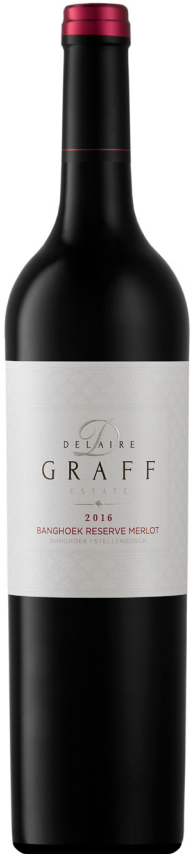


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BANGHOEK RESERVE MERLOT 2016



VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Challenging conditions, including extended warm weather and little rainfall, led to a reduced crop in 2016. However, the dry conditions headed vineyards and grapes which were very healthy overall. Vines produced lower bunch masses with smaller berries and concentrated flavours promising good wines.

VINEYARDS & HARVEST

The grapes were handpicked in the early hours of the morning from the Estate's oldest single vineyard.

GRAPE VARIETALS

100% Merlot

VINIFICATION

The Merlot was vinified with care and passion. Extensive sorting of the grapes formed part of the quality management process. The grapes were de-stemmed only, not crushed, to ensure gentle extraction of fruit flavours. Punch downs only and matured for 16 months in 80% new French Oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Firm and well balanced, this Merlot is characterised by spicy, dark plum and berry flavours, whilst silky, ripe tannins ensure a long and lingering finish.

WINE OF ORIGIN

Banghoek, South Africa

WINE ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar: 2.9 g/l
pH: 3.39

Total Acidity: 6.0 g/l
Alcohol: 14.5%