

**MERLOT 2017**



NEDERBURG WINES



Nederburg  
SINCE 1791

*The Winemasters*

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*The more we discover, the more  
we know there is to discover.*

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **NEDERBURG**

#### **The Winemasters**

Nederburg is one of South Africa's most awarded wineries, with a prize-winning pedigree that stems from a culture of innovation and disciplined attention to detail. The wines are richly fruited with bold flavours and structure, and range from exclusive, micro-edition offerings for the connoisseur to wines styled for everyday enjoyment. Multi-talented cellar-master Andrea Freeborough leads the Nederburg team of highly-skilled winemakers who work closely under her direction. This wine is made from Merlot grapes.

#### **THE RANGE**

The Winemasters ensemble, comprising a top-quality range of varietal offerings, is named to honour the Paarl winery's long-established tradition of winemaking excellence. These classically styled, food-friendly wines with abundant fruit flavours, elegance and finesse, treasure the integrity of the grapes in every step of the wine-growing and winemaking journey. Every drop demonstrates an unwavering commitment to world-class vineyard and cellar skills.

#### **THE VINEYARDS**

The grapes were sourced from vineyards in and around the Western Cape. The viticulturist works hand-in-hand with the grape growers in managing each vineyard block to ensure the best quality fruit for this wine. The different microclimates and soil types associated with each vineyard add to the complexity of the wine.

#### **THE WINEMAKING**

The grapes were harvested at 24° to 25° Balling during February and March. The fruit was crushed and fermented on the

skins in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks at 25°C to 28°C for 10 to 14 days. Upon completion of malolactic fermentation, the wine was matured in contact with French oak for a period of 12 months.

## **WINEMAKER**

Samuel Viljoen

## **CELLARMASTER**

Andrea Freeborough