



STELLENBOSCH VINEYARDS

STELLENBOSCH VINEYARDS LIMITED RELEASE VERDELHO 2018

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<i>Viticulturist:</i>	<i>Francois de Villiers</i>
<i>Cultivar:</i>	<i>100% Verdelho</i>
<i>Appellation:</i>	<i>Stellenbosch</i>
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Background

This Verdelho is symbolic of the one ultimate philosophy of our winemaking team: To create an elegant, ever graceful and rewarding wine.

Verdelho is a white grape variety grown throughout Portugal, and also gives its name to one of the four main types of Madeira wine. Verdelho has traditionally been used to make fortified wines. The inspiration to plant this variety in Stellenbosch came from its suitability to warmer climates and the success in the Duoro as well as the Swan Valley (Australia) where it has been successfully made as a table wine.

The vineyards

A trellised vineyard planted in 2005 on a southern slope.

The winemaking

The grapes were hand harvested, sorted and destemmed and fermented in 60% first-fill French oak barrels and 20% second and 20% third-fill barrels. Only the best eight barrels were selected and blended to produce this exceptional wine. Matured for 10 months in oak barrels, 3000 bottles were produced.

Winemaker's comments

This is an exceptional wine revealing peach and apricot aromas with flinty, floral and nutty nuances. Its zesty nature makes this a complex wine showing raw almond and dried fruit on the palate. Its well-integrated acid line contributes to the refreshing, lingering finish.

Maturation potential

The wine can be enjoyed now, but will benefit from bottle aging for three to five years.

Food pairing

Excellent served with spicy South African cuisine.

SUITABILITY FOR VEGETARIANS OR VEGANS

Suitable for vegetarians but not for vegans.

Chemical analysis

<i>Alcohol:</i>	<i>13.88% by volume</i>
<i>Residual sugar:</i>	<i>2.2 g/l</i>
<i>Total acidity:</i>	<i>7.3 g/l</i>
<i>pH:</i>	<i>3.25</i>

