



LABORIE

la grande vie

MERLOT 2019



WINE OF ORIGIN

Western Cape

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2019 season showed great promise with improved winter rains. However, variable weather conditions, with continuous temperature fluctuations, resulted in inconsistent bud break, uneven flowering and set. Followed by slow and uneven ripening. Reds were most affected and overall yields were down. White varieties, except for the lower yields on Sauvignon Blanc, were as expected. The challenges are not without rewards: whites are bright and flavourful with good aromatics. Reds have soft tannins with rich fruit and generosity.

WINE DESCRIPTION

This elegant Merlot shows aromas of blackcurrant, plums, fruitcake with hints of dark chocolate. The palate is vibrant and well-rounded with silky tannins and a fragrant, elegant finish.

MATURATION

This wine was oak matured for eight to ten months.

SERVING SUGGESTION

Enjoy the wine on its own, with pasta dishes that have a tomato-based sauce, roasted duck or chicken, or grilled steak.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

This wine can be savoured now or cellared for up to two years from vintage.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.33 % v/v
pH: 3.42
Total acidity: 6.35 g/l
Residual sugar: 4.75 g/l

