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**VERGELEGEN**



## RESERVE DNA 2012

### Origin

The grapes were all selected from Vergelegen's Kopland and Rooiland vineyards, planted on the north to north-westerly slopes. Row direction East to West.

### Vinification

Grapes were hand-picked and de-stemmed but not crushed. The de-stemmed grapes were cooled to 8°C and 'cold soaked' for 168 hours. Fermentation took place at 26°C followed by a 28 day maceration on the skins. After malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine went into 100% new French oak barrels for 16 months.

### Composition

Cabernet Franc 61%  
Merlot 28%  
Cabernet Sauvignon 11%

### Analysis

14.41% Alc  
3.7 g/l RS  
5.5 g/l TA  
3.57 pH

### Maturation

Accessible now but will reward careful cellaring over the next six to eight years.

### Tasting Note

Compote of berry fruit nicely rounded by chocolate and coffee notes. The tannin structure is round and soft with a lingering aftertaste. Enjoy with Karoo lamb rack, beef stews and pasta dishes.

### Winemakers Notes

2012 was a hot year with very good healthy grapes at perfect ripeness. And vastly superior to the highly regarded 2007 and 2009 vintages. Picking started for the DNA on 14 March and finished on 29 March. The wine was bottled on 16 October 2013. Total volume bottled was 13445 standard bottles. Release date: 29 October 2015.