



## CAB.SAUVIGNON / MERLOT 2007

VONDELING

*Cabernet Sauvignon 65%, Merlot 35%*

**Vineyards:** The Cabernet and Merlot vineyards used in this blend are located in well-weathered granite soils high up on the southwest-facing slopes of our farm. The grapes are picked by hand at 25°Balling, with flavours of ripe raspberries and black currents. Hand picking ensures that only the very best fruit enters the cellar.

### Vinification

The chilled fruit from the previous day went through a preliminary bunch sorting, after which the grapes were destemmed and rigorous berry sorting took place. Certain parcels of the fruit were left as whole berries and others were crushed. This resulted in a much broader spectrum of fruit flavours and also a softer, more elegant style of wine. During fermentation, hand plunging was used as the method of extraction. After fermentation, extended maceration on the skins is applied for one month. At this point the wine is drained directly to 300Lt French oak barrels and the skins are basket pressed. Malolactic fermentation takes place in barrel after which the wine is racked and blended, before being returned to barrel for a final 7 months before bottling. After a total time in barrel of 19 months, the wine was bottled and laid to rest for a further two years before finally being made available for purchase.

### Tasting notes

- Colour:** A deep, dark ruby red.
- Nose:** Classic black pepper aromas. Cherries, sweet cassis, ripe red fruit, cedarwood and plums are just a few of the abundant flavours which leap from your glass.
- Palate:** Soft vibrant tannins balance the fruit concentration perfectly and ensure a phenomenally pleasant finish.
- Pairing:** Most types of traditional braai fare. Alternatively a slow-roasted, marrow-enriched oxtail casserole with fresh farm-style bread or for something gamey try a Venison loin with roasted vegetables and baked potatoes.

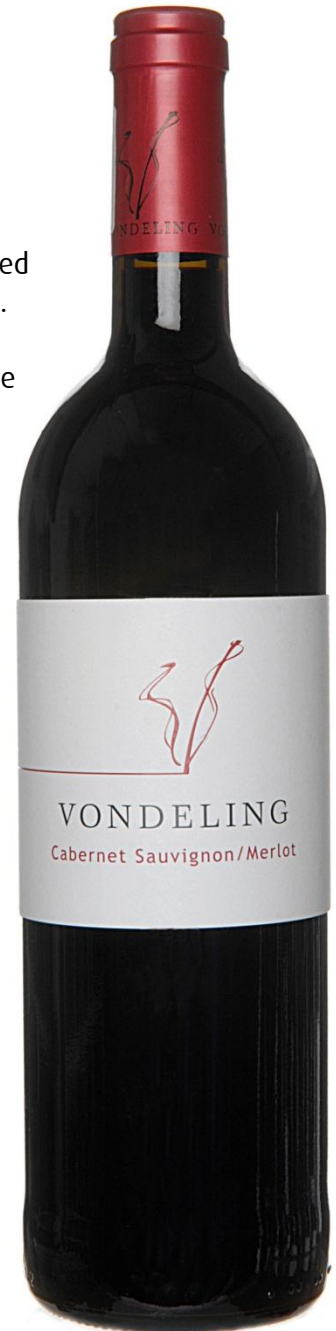
### Technical

#### Analysis

pH	3.6
Total Acidity	5.6 g/l
Residual Sugar	2.2 g/l
Alcohol	14.0 %

#### Bottle Specifications

Volume	750ml
Total Mass	1.2kg
Height	305mm
Diameter	74mm



\*Platter 4 Star