



2013 Ladybird Red -Organic-

Technical details:

Varietal:	35 % Merlot, 31 % Cab. Sauv., 15 % Cabernet Franc, 14 % Petit Verdot, 5 % Malbec
Alcohol:	14%
Total acidity:	5.5 g/l
pH:	3.69
Residual sugar:	2.4 g/l

Tasting notes:

We are proud to introduce our 11th edition of our very popular Organic red Blend. This wine has become one of the most popular red wines in South–Africa. Like you know we were the first Stellenbosch winery to release an organic certified wine. This wine is very important for us and we do absolutely everything from vineyards to cellar to improve all the time. We now have around 42 ha of certified organic grapes growing on our farm. The red is always 100% grown on the estate to really show a sense of place in the final product. We firmly believe we have some of the best positions to grow red grapes anywhere in the Southern Hemisphere. Not only do we have cool deep clay soils that do not need irrigation, but we also have a perfect slope and sun exposure to get good ripening for our small concentrated berries. We harvest everything by hand and try to get all the grapes into the winery as soon as possible. We do cool down some bins overnight to extremely low temperatures that we can use in a pre–cold maceration. A very strict sorting by modern equipment after destemming but before crushing is used. This is a very slow process (about 2 tons per hour) but a very vital one to get rid of all unwanted green stems that might add some bitterness in our extreme extended maceration practices that we might employ with some batches. For us it is all about clean pure freshness in the final product and therefore we do not pick over ripe fruit. We need the wine to express true varietal character. The batches are mostly fermented without cultivated yeast only wild indigenous yeasts. We do not use enzymes, tannins, finning agents or any of the 88 products that you are allowed to add to wine these days. The wine spends 12 – 14 months in small French oak barrels. Deep dark colour. Oodles of fruits on the nose with fresh crushed black berries, leather and spice in abundance. Is this our best effort yet! Freshness on the palate is well supported by pure fruit and almost a silky tannin structure. A medium bodied wine with great balance, elegance and complexity to stand the test of time. A true classic and a fantastic example of our unique philosophy and “terroir”. Enjoy 2–10 years after harvest.