



# VINEYARD FRIENDS

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GREAT WINE IS MADE IN THE VINEYARD, FARMING SIDE BY SIDE WITH NATURE, NOT AGAINST IT. AFTER ALL, SUSTAINABLE WINEMAKING IS A TEAM EFFORT. IT'S ABOUT MAINTAINING THE DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN FLORA, FAUNA, AND THE HUMAN HAND. EACH WINE WE MAKE HONOURS THE UNIQUE ANIMALS OF THE CAPE THAT MAKE THE PRECIOUS VINEYARDS THEIR HOME.

## GREY HERON MERLOT MALBEC 2021

A long-legged, water-wading bird, the Grey Heron is an elegant hunter, offering a natural alternative to pest control. A fellow friend of the vineyard, this wine honours the Grey Heron as a perfect blend of elegance and firm structure.

### TASTING NOTES

Red berry and plum flavours with soft ripe, juicy tannins.

### IN THE VINEYARD

In our quest to source unique and exclusive vineyards, we visit many sites and meet interesting farmers along the way. In the past few years, we have noticed a definitive move towards sustainable vineyard practices and the preservation of natural flora and fauna. The goal is to establish long-term relationships with these growers and promote their innovative approach to sustainability so that the wines we produce today, can be enjoyed for generations to come.

### IN THE CELLAR

Wines are sourced from selected sites in Franschoek, Bottelary and Breedekloof and Voor-Perdeberg. Picked at optimum phenolic ripeness to ensure concentration, ripeness, and varietal expression. Cold soaked and fermented at 23-25°C. Portions of this blend spent 12 months in oak to add complexity and structure.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14%  
Residual Sugar: 3.0 g/l  
Total Acid: 5.5 g/l  
pH: 3.6

