

# MILTON SANDFORD — WINES —

## Merlot Silver Leaf Western Cape 2019

**COUNTRY**  
South Africa

**REGION**  
Western Cape

**PRODUCER**  
Darling Cellars

**ABV**  
13.5

**GRAPE VARIETY**  
Merlot

### TASTING NOTE

Rich dark berried red, warms the heart and soul, smoky notes with a hint of South African roasted earthiness add complexity to this already interesting wine, silky tannins give some structure, but are not overpowering the depth of fruit feels almost neverending.... the perfect fireside wine.

### VINEYARD INFORMATION

Fruit selected from Clos Malverne vineyards in prime red wine growing area of the Devon Valley near Stellenbosch.

### CLIMATE

Mediterranean - summers are warm and dry, whilst sea breezes from the nearby False Bay cool the vineyards in the afternoons. The winters are wet and cold with a high average rainfall.

### VINIFICATION

The grapes are hand-harvested at optimal ripeness. They are then destalked, crushed and fermented for 7 days on the skins in open fermenting tanks. The average fermentation temperature is 24-28° C. After fermentation the skins are pressed in traditional basket presses. The free run and pressed juices are combined and malolactic fermentation spontaneously takes place in the tank, and then French oak used for maturation.

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