



The Bosman family have a history of growing wine in the Bovelei of Wellington, dating back to 1810. Through eight generations they have worked hard to create a better life for all who live and work on the farm, rising to challenges and finding solutions, often in the unexpected.

Their approach is progressive and innovative: a plant improvement unit ensures that Bosman remains at the forefront of the development of new, clean plant material and varieties; while their vine nursery ensures a continuous supply of healthy rootstock and vines.

The business model is both holistic and inclusive, fostering self-worth and investing in the potential of everyone.

*Faith . Hope & Love*

is the Bosman family motto, and it is a philosophy which the extended farm family live by every single day.

## GENERATION 8 MERLOT 2019

In talking to guests arriving at the farm or at public tastings, one of the most frequently asked questions is if we produce Merlot. It has become that cultivar in which many consumers hope to find something smooth, fragrant and enjoyable-sometimes a tall order for a varietal which is quite picky in where it expresses itself best.

Always up for a challenge, we decided to showcase the very best in bright Merlot fruit from Wellington. We used techniques in the vineyard and in the cellar to make this wine as approachable and as interesting as possible.

Our efforts and Wellington's climate is well-rewarded in the final product, but the proof is in the drinking.



<b>ORIGIN</b>	Wellington, South Africa.
<b>HARVEST REPORT</b>	A harvest like 2017 - cool and dry. A small healthy crop with fine flavor concentration on reds as well as whites. Wines being likely longer-lived than 2018.
<b>VINEYARDS</b>	Merlot sites ranging from plantings in 2001 to as young as 2013. A total of 8 plots from Hermon-planted on Schist soils and from the Bovelei on decomposed granite.
<b>WINEMAKING</b>	Grapes are hand harvested and destemmed before fermentation onset. Pumpovers are utilized for colour extraction. Before the wine is totally finished with alcoholic fermentation, it is pressed to make sure that the tannin expression is fine and subtle. Matured for 6 months in contact with 15% new French oak creates a complex wine with supple tannins
<b>VARIETAL</b>	100% Merlot.
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	Alc 13.46% Vol R/Sugar 1.7g/l TA 5.4g/l pH 3.57
<b>COLOUR</b>	Vibrant purple heart with a ruby rim.
<b>NOSE</b>	A true classic: medium-bodied with an appealing bouquet of ripe red cherries and mulberry fruit, following through with hints of earthiness and plums on the palate.
<b>PALATE</b>	A wine packed with red and dark fruit, with a lingering aftertaste.
<b>FOOD</b>	A good partner to a range of tomato-based dishes, roast chicken and creamy mushroom steak or stews.
<b>AGEING POTENTIAL</b>	To be enjoyed 2-5 years from the year of vintage.