



# STELLEKAYA

LELLO FAMILY - PRIVATE CELLAR

STELLEKAYA IS A FAMILY OWNED BOUTIQUE WINERY, THAT HAND CRAFTS RED WINE FROM CAREFULLY SELECTED VINEYARDS IN THE STELLENBOSCH REGION.

## STELLEKAYA MERLOT 2017

*Inspired by the brightest star in Taurus, the "giant red," Aldebaran, known as the "eye of the bull"*

### VINEYARD NOTES

Site:	Blocks from East and South West facing slopes of Stellenbosch
Altitude:	180 to 200 meters
Soil Type:	Tukulu
Age of Vines:	10 years
Irrigation:	Drip Irrigation
Climate:	Cool False Bay evening breezes

### HARVEST NOTES

Grapes were hand picked at optimal ripeness in early March 2017. The yield was 2.5 tons per ha.

### CELLAR NOTES

Maceration:	cold soaked for 3 days
Fermentation:	open micro fermenters
Pressing:	basket pressed
Malolactic fermentation:	in the barrels
Maturation:	27 months in a blend of differing age
French Oak	225 liters
Bottled:	July 2019
Production:	1340 liters

### TASTING NOTES

This wine is characterized by intense mulberry, cherry and plum flavors, underpinned by leafy and earthy notes with cinnamon and spice. Elegant and rich with a persistent yet soft tannin finish.

### FOOD NOTES

Pairs well with slow roasted pork belly, with a reduction of berries, and or seared tuna.

### AGEING POTENTIAL

8-10 Years

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc:	14 % by vol
PH:	3.43
Rs:	2.5
TA:	6.0 g/L
Origin:	Stellenbosch

