



# 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 OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

## STELLEKAYA MERLOT 2019

*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:	12 years
Irrigation:	Drip Irrigation
Climate:	Cool False Bay evening breezes

### HARVEST NOTES

Grapes were hand picked at optimal ripeness in early March 2019. The yield was 3 tons per ha.

### CELLAR NOTES

Maceration:	cold soaked for 3 days
Fermentation:	open micro fermenters
Pressing:	basket pressed
Malolactic fermentation:	in the barrels
Maturation:	24 months in a blend of differing age French Oak 225 liters
Bottled:	April 2021
Production:	6100 liters

### TASTING NOTES

This Merlot showcases both red and dark berry fruit of cherry, plum, blackberry and raspberry. Beautifully underlined with both a floral perfume and mintiness. The palate is quite elegant with notes of milk chocolate, sweet spice and liquorice. Structured with juicy soft tannins and good acidity.

### FOOD NOTES

This wine pairs well with beef Carpaccio, drizzled with homemade Mayonnaise, topped with rocket and parmesan shavings or a traditional Cape Malay Bobotie.

### AGEING POTENTIAL

6-8 Years

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc:	14% by vol
PH:	3.53
Rs:	3.07
TA:	5.93
Origin:	Stellenbosch

