



# LABORIE

*La Grande Vie*

## MERLOT / CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021



### WINE OF ORIGIN

Western Cape

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Winter 2020 delivered good rainfall and cold that saw us returning to long term averages and the end of the drought that had tested all in the Western Cape for the last 5 years. Spring 2020 was defined by later bud break and particularly cool and wet conditions. Variable bud break was observed on a number of varieties. Flowering 2020 saw a continuation of this trend of cooler weather, intermittent rainfall and overcast conditions with lots of wind. The increased rainfall also brought significant disease pressure to most areas, in particular Downey Mildew. Summer has been a far cooler affair that we have been used to with particularly cool nights. This is per se a very good indicator of a quality vintage. We received only one or two warm days that were immediately followed by a cool spell all the way into late January. Harvest began on 21st January, 14 days later than last year and finished on the 7th of April.

### VARIETALS

55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon

### WINE DESCRIPTION

This wine is bold with juicy tannins. It has aromas of plum, red berry fruit and dark chocolate with hints of oak spice. The prominent tannins structure carries hints of oak and pencil shavings on the palate that flows seamlessly into a fresh, lingering finish.

### MATURATION

This wine was oak matured for 10 to 12 months.

### SERVING SUGGESTION

Enjoy this wine on its own or with a variety of roasted meat dishes, barbeques or pasta with a tomato-based sauce.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

This wine can be savoured now or cellared for up to two years from vintage.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.24 % v/v

pH: 3.51

Total acidity: 6.36 g/l

Residual sugar: 4.57 g/l