

*Appellation Series*  
*Elgin Merlot*



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**BOSCHENDAL**



Boschendal Elgin Merlot is singular in its expression of the pristine geographical nuances and the unique character typical of its cool climate vineyard origins.

**Vintage:** 2017  
**Variety:** 100% Merlot  
**Wine of Origin:** Elgin

**In the Vineyard:**

The grapes used to make this wine are sourced from our best Merlot vineyard situated in Elgin, at an altitude 330 m above sea level, and managed for ultra-premium quality. The vineyard grows on a steep southern slope and is exposed to cool afternoon sea breezes, which results in very slow ripening yielding soft tannins and balanced, elegant fruit with beautiful blueberry flavours.

**Vinification:**

Very strict berry sorting is carried out at the cellar to make sure no green fruit end up in the fermentation vessel. Fermented in open top stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. Aged for 18 months in 300-litre French oak barrels (2nd fill) for gentle extraction and excellent integration of flavours and tannins.

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:**

Typical cool climate Merlot, with understated yet refined varietal black and red fruit. Dark plum coloured rim, with ripe rich cherry and blueberry on the nose and hints of dark chocolate. A rich and elegant wine with strong berry and cherry flavours. Complex and deep reach on the palate with a linear tannin structure, and a fresh, lingering finish.

**Ageing potential:** This Merlot will stand the test of time. Drink now, or enjoy the intriguing, complex ageing for another five to ten years.

**Technical Analysis**

Alc: 14% vol  
RS: 3.0 g/l  
TA: 6 g/l  
pH: 3.5