

Rising River

Merlot

ABV

14%

Capsule

Screwcap

Code

RRIMER

Region and Country

Western Cape, South Africa

Grapes

Merlot

Producer

Produced as a diffusion line to the principle Rickety Bridge range, winemaking is overseen by Mari Kotzé.

Climate, viticulture, winemaking

Throughout history, lands have stood witness to cycles of the river rising and falling, orchestrated by the cadence of changing seasons. The Rising River Wines are inspired by the Franschhoek River that flows through the Franschhoek Valley, encompassing the grand history of its surroundings and celebrating grapes sourced across quality vineyards across the Western Cape.

Fruit harvested from selected vineyards across the Western Cape. Grapes are fermented in stainless steel open top fermenters with daily punching down for maximum extraction of colour and tannins. Wine is matured in old French oak barrels for 12 months before bottling.



Tasting Notes

Aromas of black plum and redcurrant on the nose, following through to black cherry and hints of spice on the palate.

Good to know

Cellar master, Donovan Ackermann and Winemaker Mari Kotzé implement many farming practices that have only a positive impact on the environment including planting cover crops to suppress weeds, these crops in turn also supply the soil with nitrogen. Turning discarded grape skins into fertiliser to put back into the vineyard and growing vegetables and plants to help the estate become more self-sufficient and increase the biodiversity within the area. Their future plan is to work towards a gold status in the Biodiversity Wine Initiative.

Vegetarian and vegan friendly.