

Merlot Alberta Annemarie Stellenbosch Muratie

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The Producer:

Muratie, a family owned estate, was established in the 17th century by European colonialists, although as a name Muratie was not used until the early 1900s. The estate is in the shadow of the Simonsberg mountain north of Stellenbosch, east of Cape Town and consists of 44ha of vineyards. This wine is dedicated to the daughter of the artist George Paul Canitz. In 1927 whilst out riding with his daughter Alberta Annemarie when they discovered Muratie. They both fell instantly in love with the property, which he purchased in due course, and when he died, he left it to her, making her one of the first female wine-farm owners in the country.

The Wine:

Grape:	Merlot 100%
Area:	The grapes for this wine were harvested from three different blocks on the estate. The vines were planted in 1990 and 1992. Two of the blocks are North West facing and the third North. The elevation of the vines is at 280 m above sea level. The Table Mountain sandstone soil provides good moisture to these unirrigated vineyards. All the vines are planted on Richter 99 rootstocks.
Harvest:	Hand harvested
Vinification:	After crushing and destalking and pumped into traditional open fermenters. Pump-overs and punch downs were done at regular intervals.
Ageing:	Aged in French oak barrels for 12 months.

Tasting Notes:

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Code:	7208
ABV:	14%
Pack:	6*75cl
Vegan:	Yes
Vegetarian:	Yes
Closure:	Natural Cork

