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#### PRODUCT INFORMATION

Rickety Bridge Merlot 2023 100% Merlot Franschhoek

#### **FOOD SUGGESTIONS**

Traditional bobotie, spaghetti Bolognese, lasagne, grilled chicken and beef stews.

#### **AWARDS & ACCOLADES**

Rickety Bridge Merlot 2022 - Gold - Gold Awards 2024

Rickety Bridge Merlot 2021 - 4 stars John Platter Wine Guide 2024

Rickety Bridge Merlot 2020 - 4 stars John Platter Wine Guide 2023

Rickety Bridge Merlot 2019 - 4 stars John Platter Wine Guide 2022

Rickety Bridge Merlot 2018 - 90 Points – Decanter Awards 2021

Rickety Bridge Merlot 2018 - 4 stars John
Platter Wine Guide 2021

# RICKETY BRIDGE MERLOT 2023

## HARVEST PROCESS

Grapes were harvested early February at 24° Balling into small crates with good harvesting conditions throughout.

## WINEMAKING

Fermentation took place in open fermentation tanks at 22-25°C with 2 punch downs daily. The wines were pressed after 21 days on the skins. Malolactic fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks and maturation took place in 15% new and 85% older French oak barrels for a total of 12 to 14 months.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Notes of red cherry and ripe plum layered with herbal nuances and hints of oak spice on the nose. A juicy palate with red currants and blueberries gives way to lingering dark chocolate flavours. Well-structured with refined tannins and a lengthy finish.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc. 13% RS 2.72 g/l TA 6.07g/l pH 3.44

