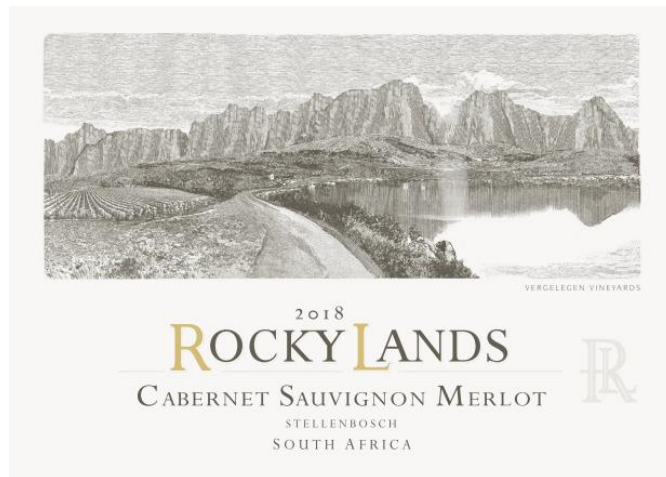


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Vergelegen Background

Owner: Anglo-American PLC

Country: South Africa

Region: Stellenbosch

Founded: ~1700

Description: Vergelegen is one of South Africa's oldest wine and most renowned estates, having been planted in 1700 as one of Stellenbosch's original farms. The estate is comprised of almost 8000 acres of superb vineyards, nature preserve, historical landmarks and pristine gardens. As one of South Africa's premier attractions, it has played host to numerous world dignitaries, including Nelson Mandela, Queen Elizabeth II, Bill Clinton among others.

Wine Notes – 2018 Rocky Lands Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

Vergelegen is one of South Africa's crown jewels, comprising a world-class wine estate, award winning formal gardens, a significant nature preserve and numerous historically important buildings. Originally founded in 1700, it is one of South Africa's oldest agricultural estates and traces its history back to the original founding of Stellenbosch.

While Vergelegen produces a wide range of wines, across many price points, Rocky Lands is their overperforming entry-level range. Rather than being an after-thought, Rocky Lands is made in the same state of the art wine making facilities and with the same fastidious cellar work used to create their extraordinary flagship "V" wine. This Cab-Merlot blend is made from an estate-grown blend of classic Bordeaux varietals. The grapes were hand-harvested and destemmed to tank, then fermented for three weeks in stainless steel, 4 weeks post skin-contact. 18 months of aging in 225L oak barrels and 2 additional years of bottle aging followed. The result is a bright dark red, with a striking nose of cassis framed by cedar and fresh ripe fruit. On the palate the freshness carries through with velvety tannins and a long, fruit-driven finish.

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	62% Cab Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 14% Cab Franc, 2% Malbec
Vineyard Region:	South Africa / Western Cape / Stellenbosch
Production Volume:	700cs
Vineyard Characteristics:	Sloping north and north-west facing vineyards - Rooiland, Stonepine, Rondekop all in Stellenbosch
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Hand-harvested, 100% destemmed, fermented 3 weeks, 4 weeks post skin-contact in stainless steel using select yeast, 18 months of aging in 225L oak barrels with 2 additional years of bottle aging, filtered prior to release. SO2 added.
Alcohol / Volume:	14.4%
Acidity:	5.84 g/l
Residual Sugar:	3.18 g/l