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## M·A·N Family Wines Jan Fiskal Merlot 2022



*This elegant wine has the hallmarks of a classic Merlot - dark fruit, earthy structure, and supple smooth tannins. The Jan Fiskaal (fiscal strike) is a common sight in the vineyards. A small bird with a fierce reputation, its “chee-chee-chee” cry and black-and-white coloring make it easily recognisable.*

### WINE DESCRIPTION

This is an elegant, classic style of Merlot with plush, dark fruit flavors and smooth, structured tannins.

**COLOR:** Dark ruby-red.

**AROMA:** Plum, cherry, and tobacco spices and earthy notes.

**PALATE:** Distinctive plum and cherry flavors, with a backbone of rich spices.

**BODY:** Medium to full body with soft, chewy tannins.

### VINEYARDS

From several dry farmed vineyards in the Agter-Paarl area. The Malmesbury Shale soils have excellent water retention ability and produce concentrated, flavorful grapes with small berries, making for juicy wines with balance and elegance.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Blend:** 90% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Grape source:** Cape Coast

**Alc:** 13.5% **RS:** 3.1 **TA:** 5.2 **pH:** 3.59

### VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage had excellent growing conditions. Overall, the conditions were favourable for color and aroma preservation in red wines. The grapes are aromatic and balanced, with deep color, pronounced fruit expression and soft tannins. This was a very high quality vintage with strong wines across the board.

### WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-harvested and after crushing the grapes were fermented for over 7 days in stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. The wine was pressed and put back into tank for malolactic fermentation. The wine was matured in mostly American oak barrels for 12 months. For a softer profile, a small portion is left unoaked. Fined and filtered before bottling.

### SUSTAINABILITY & PRODUCTION

Integrated Production of Wine (IPW) Certified.

