

## Keermont Steepside Syrah

### Keermont Vineyards

#### South Africa - Western Cape - Coastal Region - Stellenbosch

Planted in 2005 on the steep midslopes of the Helderberg Mountain range, Steepside Syrah sits at an elevation of 300m. Vines grow in rich red clay loam soils with high levels of iron and quartzite originating from the peaks above. The combination of these deep granitic soils and the intensity of the sunshine on the North facing ridge allows the vineyard to produce wines with power and structure, while the spicy herbal aromatics can be attributed to the elevation and the pristine fynbos flora that surround it.

This is an intense wine with a bright scarlet color. Pure grapey aromas are complimented by red spices, herbs and lavender. The palate has a gentle entry with subtle spicy fruit flavors filling the mid palate. The tight structure gives the wine a succulent dry finish with lingering flavors of red fruit, anise, liquorice and a mineral saltiness.

### Specifications

<b>Appellation</b>	Coastal Region - Stellenbosch
<b>Varietals</b>	100% Syrah
<b>Soil type</b>	deep granite rich in red clay loam
<b>Vinification</b>	Small parcels of grapes are specifically selected according to ripeness, harvested by hand and vinified separately. This process is carried out gently and naturally in open top fermenters using traditional methods only. This wine spent 20 months maturing in seasoned 225 and 500 Litre French oak barrels before being bottled by hand without filtration.
<b>Pairings</b>	Game / Venison



### Reviews and News

2018 Keermont Steepside Syrah - 96 PTS - TA
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