



*"Delicata's Gran Cavalier collection is Malta's most awarded range of Maltese wines and has earned 34 international honours to date."*

## WINEMAKER'S MEMO

Merlot has taken very well to Maltese soil since it was first planted in the 1990s. From the onset of the first vintages, Malta-grown Merlot has been displaying a velvety texture, flavours reminiscent of blackcurrant and all the plum-like allure of a rich fruitcake, hallmarks of fine Merlot. Typicity (how much a Maltese Merlot tastes of Merlot) has been present since the early vintages of this wine, and its typicality (how much a Merlot from Malta taste uniquely different to Merlot from elsewhere) is starting to become more and more apparent.

## FLAVOUR PROFILE

Delicata's Gran Cavalier Merlot tastes reminiscent of black fruit compote with hints of charcoal, dark chocolate and green tea with a velvet palate of ripe tannins with well-framed texture and balance. This full-bodied yet elegant, complex red wine with a medium level of alcohol has a faintly savoury attraction to it, which is typical for world-class Merlot of Malta.



# 2020 | GRAN CAVALIER MERLOT RIZERVA • DOK MALTA • SUPERIOR

### VARIETY

Merlot on American rootstock

### SITE AND GEOLOGY

Vineyards l/o Rabat  
tas-Salib, tas-Saqqajja and Ta' Flemsija

### VINES

20-year-old plants  
North-westerly orientation

### HARVEST

Handpicked

### VINIFICATION

Berry sorting  
Fermented in inox  
Traditional winemaking with remontage  
Blending of press cuts and free run juice

### REFINEMENT

100% barrel-matured in French barrique for 12 months  
Prolonged ageing in inox for 5 Months  
Minimum of 6 months bottle-maturation



### WINE STYLE

dry red, barrel matured



### ALCOHOL LEVEL

13.5% Vol.



### WHEN TO DRINK

ready now till 2029



### HOW TO SERVE

cellar-cool, decanted



### VEGAN

yes



### BOTTLE SIZE

75cl