



"Delicata's Gran Cavalier collection is Malta's most awarded range of Maltese wines and has earned 38 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.



2023 | 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 end August

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
20% in new barrel
Prolonged ageing in inox for 5 months
Minimum of 6 months bottle-maturation



WINE STYLE
dry red, barrel matured



ALCOHOL LEVEL
13.0% Vol.



WHEN TO DRINK
ready now till 2035



HOW TO SERVE
cellar-cool, decanted



VEGAN
yes



BOTTLE SIZE
75cl