

**LABRI** 1694  
FRANSCHHOEK



## Merlot 2012

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

This Merlot has a bright garnet colour. The nose is a fruit bomb of cherries and red plums with underlying aromas of dried mushrooms. A juicy and elegant entry with soft integrated tannins. Hints of thyme and red plums on the palate.

### THE HARVEST

These grapes were hand-picked from the Estate at in the first week of March. Yields were kept low: 6 tons/ha

### IN THE CELLAR

Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel and the wine was then aged for 19 months in predominantly 300Lt French oak barrels. The new wood component is 15%

### BOTANICAL SKETCH

Each of our wines is linked to a specific flower – the characteristics of the wine are symbolized by that particular flower on the label.

#### *Amaryllis belladonna* (March Lily)

An extremely beautiful and elegant, pink flower that occurs naturally around the Cape. The cultivar **Merlot** is also seen as being an elegant, refined and feminine wine. The common name *belladonna* originates from its historic use by women - drops prepared from the Belladonna plant were used to dilate women's pupils, an effect considered attractive.

Alcohol	14.31 %	pH	3.58
RS	2.8 g/l	Total Acid	5.23 g/l

### AWARDS

Winemakers' Choice Awards 2014 - Diamond