



Merlot 2010

WINEMAKERS NOTES

This Merlot has concentrated garnet red colour. The nose shows mixed berry compote and dark cherries layered with dried herbs. Juicy and rich with elegant integrated tannins, this wine is eminently soft and approachable.

THE HARVEST

Single Vineyard grapes were hand-picked from the Estate at 23,5 TO 24°B 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 21 months in predominantly 300Lt French oak barrels. The new wood component was 20%

BOTANICAL SKETCH

Our wines are 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 14.0%
RS 1.5 g/l

pH 3.71
Total Acid 5.9 g/l

AWARDS

Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2012 – Merlot Trophy