

LABRI 1694
FRANSCHHOEK



Merlot 2013

WINEMAKERS NOTES

This Merlot has a rich garnet colour. The nose is a complex mix of black cherries, red plums and mulberries. A juicy and elegant entry with soft integrated tannins. Hints of dried mushrooms 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 21 months in predominantly 300Lt French oak barrels. The new wood component is 34%

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 14.46 %
RS 2.3 g/l

pH 3.69
Total Acid 5.3 g/l

AWARDS

4 Star Platter rating