

The Winery of Good Hope Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot 2006

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Combining Old-world style tannins with New World style fruit is one of the things Cape wines do best. This example has characteristic Stellenbosch minerality, structure and depth, but with some delightful ripe dark fruit & cherries -and an overall balanced nature which promotes easy drinkability. The ultimate test is can you drink a bottle on your own? Answer this when you're onto your second ...

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

winery : The Winery of Good Hope

winemaker : Edouard Labeye

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 4.8 g/l pH : 3.34 ta : 5.7 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : Mature, trellised vineyard predominantly in the Helderberg Mountain area of Stellenbosch. Selected from several vineyard blocks (covering about 10 hectares in total), on decomposed granite soils overlooking the Ocean. These slopes benefit from the moderating factor of the maritime breezes, as well as an altitude of 3 - 400m above sea level.

about the harvest: Green harvest thinning was carried-out sufficiently early in the growing cycle, allowing for focused development of a smaller yield (+/- 45 hl / ha). This was a cooler vintage than usual, allowing for longer ripening season and a wonderful combination of fruit intensity and structural elegance. All hand harvested.

