

Noble Hill Merlot 2005

Color: Clear garnet red

Aroma: Hints of smoke with underlying berry

Flavor: Soft tannins with plum notes

A rebel with a cause: you'll see why this Merlot is James Dean as Jim Stark, cavorting with the Cabs while the other Merlots dabble in "easy-drinking fruitiness." Notes of smoke and leather with a full-mouth feel.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Noble Hill Wine Estate

winemaker : Bernard le Roux

wine of origin : Simonsberg-Paarl

analysis : **alc** : 15.0 % vol **rs** : 2.0 g/l **pH** : 3.56 **ta** : 6.2 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

Veritas 2009 - Double Gold

2009 Decanter World Wine Awards - Commended

SA Terroir Awards - Best Merlot: Paarl District

in the vineyard : Soil: North-western slopes of the Simonsberg in well-drained, duplex soil containing granite

Vines: Planted in 1998

about the harvest:

Grapes harvested at 24° B with an average yield of 6 tons/ha.

in the cellar : Skin contact: Fermented dry on skins.

Wood contact: 12 months in 30% new medium-toast French oak

