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Muratie Merlot 2005

Colour: Deep, intensive ruby red to inky black.
Nose: A combination of plums and chocolate come to the fore followed by blackcurrant and dark chocolate on the palate.
Palate: The full, intense assortments of flavours provide a feast for the palate. The wine has lots of body, yet subtle with well integrated oak giving it a lasting finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Muratie Wine Estate
winemaker : Francois Conradie
wine of origin : Simonsberg - Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 15 % vol **rs :** 3.7 g/l **pH :** 4.00 **ta :** 4.7 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Now until 2014.

in the vineyard : The vines were planted in 1990 and 1992. Two of the blocks are North West facing and the third block faces north. The elevation of the vines is at 280m above sea level. The Table Mountain sandstone soil provides good moisture to these dry-land vineyards. All the vines are planted on Richter 99 rootstock.

about the harvest: The grapes were handpicked from three different blocks on the estate. The yield was 4.5 tons per hectare.

in the cellar : The grapes were crushed and destalked and pumped into traditional open fermenters. Pumping over and plunging was done at regular intervals. The wine was matured in French oak barrels (25% new oak) for 12 months.

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