

Sterhuis Astra Red 2005

The wine is classic in style, serious yet very accessible flavours with plums, mulberries, black cherries, chocolate and coffee on the nose. The palate is rich, soft and silky with the complexity of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon combining with delicate oaking in a soft seductive finish.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 40% Merlot, 60% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Sterhuis

winemaker : Johan Kruger

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 13.5 % vol **rs** : 2 g/l **pH** : 3.58 **ta** : 5.9 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Full **taste** : Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the cellar : The Astra Red 2005 is a barrel selection of our 5 best red wine barrels in the cellar from the 2005 vintage. I chosen two Merlot and three Cabernet Sauvignon barrels after 16 month of oak maturation. The selection process was very critical on the wines and I only chosen very fine, delicate and well balanced/integrated barrels. The blend was then made up in tank and brought back to barrel for another 6 months after which the wine was racked from barrel and bottled without any fining or filtration.