

Laibach Merlot 1998

A beautiful intense ruby red colour. Black current flavours on the nose, impressive entrance, huge, complex and powerful on the palate with wild plum combined with some leather flavours. It has a decent influence of oak, very concentrated and complex.

variety : Merlot | Merlot

winery : Ladybird Vineyards

winemaker : Stefan Dorst

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.4 g/l pH : 3.85 ta : 5.4 g/l



ageing : A long aftertaste and ripe tannins make it drinkable now but can be kept for 10 years.

in the cellar : The perfect berries were picked at optimum ripeness, gently crushed and destemmed, without damaging the berries and its pips, to protect all the fruit flavours. Controlled fermentation in stainless steel was applied to contribute even more to the above. After MLF in stainless steel, it was filled into 30% new French oak and 70% used French oak for a period of $\hat{A}\pm$ 2 years. A rough filtration was given just before bottling.