

Drostdy Hof Merlot 2008

Colour: Ruby red

Bouquet: Ripe red fruit with plums and prunes and slight oak spices

Taste: Rich and mouthfilling with lots of berries and a slight tannic background

An ideal partner to pasta and red meat dishes.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Drostdy-Hof Wines

winemaker : Justin Corrans

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : **alc** : 13.14 % vol **rs** : 7.2 g/l **pH** : 3.5 **ta** : 5.4 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

ageing : It can be enjoyed now, but has been structured to gain complexity with maturation over the next few years.

in the vineyard : (Viticulturist: Bennie Liebenberg)

The grapes were sourced from Stellenbosch, Malmesbury, as well as Worcester and Robertson. The vineyards, ranging in ages from 8 to 20 years, were planted in a combination of decomposed granite and Glenrosa soils on Filloksera resistant R99 R110 and 101-14 rootstocks. Situated on south/south-westerly facing slopes the vineyards yield an average of six to eight tons per hectare.

about the harvest:

The winemaking (winemaker: Justin Corrans)

The grapes were harvested by hand at between 23° and 26° Balling.

in the cellar :

The juice was fermented for five days on the skins and after pressing, fermentation was continued without the skins. Once Malolactic fermentation was complete wine was matured in a combination of new, second-fill and third-fill French oak barrels.