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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 23º and 26º 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.