

Eikendal Rouge 2008

The Eikendal Rouge is an easy drinking, red wine with a lively cherry, berry and mint bouquet on the nose, and flavours of red and black berries on the palate. Careful blending has created a wine with soft tannins, and a pleasing finish.

Enjoy this wine with good friends around a fire, with light Italian dishes such as Spaghetti Bolognese, or a cured meat platter.

variety : Merlot | Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Eikendal Vineyards

winemaker : Henry Kotze

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.67 % vol rs : 5.4 g/l pH : 3.68 ta : 6 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : Enjoy now through 2011.

in the vineyard : These vineyards have a north east aspect and are up to 170m above sea level and grown in the Peroldt five-wire trellising system, on Duplex Koffieklip ("Coffee Stone") and Estcourt soils. These vineyards are about 7 hectares of the total of 55 planted.

about the harvest: 2008 was a moderately hot vintage for Stellenbosch, with cool, constant temperatures and no rain during the critical ripening periods.

