

Kaapzicht Merlot 2005

Deep garnet paling towards the rim; well developed with flavours of bramble, mocha, forest floor and plummy fruit over laid with spiced oak and tobacco; seamless tannin structure with a dry, savoury finish; understated and elegant.

Elsie Pels - Cape Wine Master

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Kaapzicht Wine Estate

winemaker : Danie Steytler

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 14.47 % vol **rs** : 2.2 g/l **pH** : 3.25 **ta** : 6.2 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

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ageing : Enjoy the rich ripe fruits immediately or cellar for 2 - 4 years to allow more development and integration.

in the vineyard : Vines planted in weathered granite type soil.

about the harvest : The Merlot was harvested at 24.5° Balling. Yield of 7 - 8 ton/ha.

in the cellar : Fermented with NT 50 in red wine tanks and pumped over three times a day, until dry. Pressed lightly at 1.4 Bar. Underwent malolactic fermentation in the tank before going into French Oak barrels for 23 months. 50 % new oak was used.

