

## Savanha Winemakers Selection Merlot 2008

Inviting plum and red-berry shows on the nose with hints of tobacco and fruitcake. These follow through to a mouth-filling palate with a lingering blackcurrant aftertaste.

Serve with char-grilled rib fillet and seared Mediterranean vegetables.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Savanha

**winemaker :** Jacques Erasmus

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 14.4 % vol    rs : 2.5 g/l    pH : 3.6    ta : 5.7 g/l

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

**pack :** Bottle    **closure :** Cork

**in the vineyard :** Nine year-old trellised vines planted on eastern slopes in the western Cape yielded the grapes for this wine. the vineyards recieved supplementary drip irrigation and produced 9 tons per hectare.

**about the harvest:** Grapes were harvested at 24.5° Balling, gently crushed, destemmed and cooled for fermentation. After 2 days of cold soaking the juice fermented until dry in stainless steel tanks at 24°C. Three pump-overs were conducted daily, and 60% of the wine matured in French oak barrels for 6-8 months.

