

## Vansha Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2009

Upfront notes of mulberry and plum evolve to hints of mint and leather. A soft, juicy midpalate is well supported by the firm oak tannin structure and long, mineral finish.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 56% Cabernet Sauvignon 44% Merlot

**winery :** Ridgeback Wines

**winemaker :** Toit Wessels

**wine of origin :**

**analysis :** alc : 14.1 % vol rs : 3.0 g/l pH : 3.59 ta : 5.4 g/l

**type :** Red **body :** Soft

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

### about the harvest:

	Merlot (11 February 2009)	Cabernet Sauvignon (18 February 2009)
Sugar	24.8° B	24.9° B
Acid	5.55g/l	5.25g/l
pH	3.65	3.78

### in the cellar :

- Both varieties were destemmed only. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon were fermented separately in open top stainless steel fermenters.
- Whole berries were fermented at 26° - 28° C with commercial yeast strains suited for the varieties.
- Wines were allowed to ferment to near dryness and removed from skins in order to retain softness and minimise skin tannin extraction.
- Both wines underwent MLF and 10 months of ageing in second and third fill barrels to ensure the accent is on the fruit expression.
- The wine was then blended and lightly filtered shortly before bottling.
- Bottled: 11 January 2010

Production: 20 878 Bottles

