

Guardian Peak Merlot 2009

Appearance-	Ruby Red
Aroma-	Clean fresh aromas of red fruit with hints of chocolate
Palate-	Plum and red berry flavours filter through on the palate with a long, elegant finish.
Impression-	<i>This intense, fruit-driven example of a South African Merlot was made for early enjoyment and will improve over the next 2 to 3 years.</i>

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Guardian Peak
winemaker : Philip van Staden
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : alc : 14.92 % vol rs : 4.6 g/l pH : 3.58 ta : 6.0 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Climate

Mediterranean with the rainfall +- 650mm per annum, the vineyards are located high up on the northern slopes of the Helderberg Mountain. This contribution imparts warmer fruit flavour to the wine. In summer, the vineyards closer proximity to the Atlantic Ocean result in cool sea breezes that keeps the temperatures lower, extending the ripening period.

about the harvest: Vinification & Style

The wine is fermented at 28°C in a combination of open (punch down) and closed fermenters (pump over) for 7-14 days.

