

## Hartenberg Merlot 2008

Silky and elegant with long lasting flavour. Expect black and red fruits, vanilla and orchards of plum.

### Independent Tasting Notes

"the 2008 Merlot has a bold upfront, opulent bouquet of ripe plummy fruit that has great purity. The palate is full-bodied with cedar and mocha on the entry, ample ripe black fruits with superb weight in the mouth. This is a huge mouthful of delicious Merlot to drink over the next four to five years." (NM) Robert Parker

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Hartenberg Estate

**winemaker :** Carl Schultz

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.02 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.55 ta : 5.8 g/l

**type :** Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Mineral **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

The lady of the reds - our 2005 vintage received the trophy for Best Merlot in the World at the International Wine & Spirits Competition in London.

2008 Vintage 4 stars Platter's SA Wine Guide | 90 points Robert Parker

2007 Vintage 4½ stars Platter's SA Wine Guide | Gold medal Veritas (SA)

2006 Vintage 4½ stars Platter's SA Wine Guide

2005 Vintage IWCS Trophy for best Merlot in the world (London) | 4 stars Platter's SA Wine Guide

Gold Medal Veritas (SA) & SAA business class selection

2004 Vintage Diners Club Winemaker of the year award

**ageing :** Up to 6 years from vintage

**in the vineyard :** 2008 vintage was similar to 2005 and 2000 producing big, ripe reds. Preceding winter was the wettest in a decade followed by a warm and dry spring which resulted in small, concentrated berries.

**in the cellar :** 17 months in 50% new & 50% 2nd fill French Oak (225 li)



## Hartenberg Estate

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