

## Fortress Hill Merlot 2009

Full flavours of Red and Black-berries. Well balanced on the palate, with soft woody nuances in the background, for a memorable finish.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Fort Simon Wine Estate

**winemaker :** \_

**wine of origin :**

**analysis :** alc : 14.2 % vol   rs : 4.2 g/l   pH : 3.58   ta : 5.9 g/l

**type :** Red   **wooded**

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

**in the vineyard :** The grapes came from vineyards planted at 185 to 210 meters above sea level in decomposed granite soil. The trellised vines were planted from 1990 to 1991.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested at the end of March, beginning of April 2009 from selected blocks of vineyards.

**in the cellar :** The mash was fermented to  $\pm 6^\circ$  Balling with selected yeast cultures, pressed and further fermented to total dryness in stainless steel tanks. Selected wood was used for the development of the young wine, and the wine remained in contact with the wood for 9 months.

