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Groote Post Merlot 2010

A wine that is a product of our never ending quest to perfect our winemaking craft. A hint of smoked beef and mint on the nose. An explosion of blackberries, plum and chocolate on the palate.



variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Groote Post Vineyards
winemaker : Lukas Wentzel
wine of origin : Darling
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 3.3 g/l **pH :** 3.64 **ta :** 5.0 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

2011 Veritas Awards - Bronze
2011 Michelangelo International Wine Awards - Gold

in the vineyard : Vines planted: 1993
Soil: Hutton & Oakleaf
Clones: MO: 181 & 192 B
Irrigation: Supplementary
Trellising: 7 wire Perold
Elevation: 300m

about the harvest: Harvested at 25°- 26° B with an average yield of 8 tons/ha.

in the cellar : When it comes to Merlot selection - quality is the name of the game. First vineyards block selection, then during crush and then a selection of grapes over the sorting table. The grapes undergo a maceration of 3 - 4 days before inoculation with yeast. After fermentation it spends another 3 weeks on the skins. Before it goes into the barrel, a final wine selection ensures that only the highest quality wine ends up in the bottle.

Wood maturation: 20% New oak barrels 80% second fill barrels.

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