

Global Wine Merlot 2010

A soft, fruity wine with delicate ripe plum and mulberry flavours both on the nose and palate. With the subtle use of oak, this wine has a wonderfully appealing balance between fruit and wood for easy drinking.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : La RicMal Wines

winemaker : _

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : **alc :** 14.44 % vol **rs :** 2.0 g/l **pH :** 3.74 **ta :** 4.95 g/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Terroir: Decomposed granite, with deep red top soils. A low yield from dry land and bush vine.

Vineyard type: Bush Vine, no irrigation.

Yield: 5.5 - 6.5 t/ha

about the harvest: Balling at Harvest: 24 - 25°B

in the cellar : Vinification: Crush and destalk, 12 days fermentation at 22 - 28°C.

Maturation: After malolactic fermentation a portion (approx. 50%) of the wine is racked into barrels for 7 - 8 months while the balance is transferred into stainless tanks to which staves are added. A blend of 3rd and 4th fill barrels are used.