

Kyburg Merlot 2008

Deep, well extracted colour and red berry fruits on the nose. Hints of creamy dark chocolate, liquorice and quince jelly. Balanced palate with some coffee and toffee character. A good dash of fruit and wood tannin with a pleasing follow through.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Kyburg Boutique Wines

winemaker : Jacque Fourie

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 3.6 g/l pH : 3.47 ta : 5.24 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

ageing : This Merlot can be enjoyed now as well as having a good aging potential over the next 5 - 8 years.

in the vineyard : This boutique Wine Estate is situated in the Devon Valley at the outskirts of Stellenbosch with 8 ha of Cabernet Sauvignon, 6 ha of Merlot and 4 ha of Shiraz. 30% of the Kyburg grapes are used for the Kyburg wines. Total production is 45 000 bottles p.a. made up by Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot and a blend 33Latitude.

The Vineyard

Altitude: 110 - 140m

Soil Type: Oakleaf & Tukulu

Planted: 2000 & 2001

Irrigation: Drip

Viticulturist: Frans Snyman

about the harvest : Method: Hand picked in 20kg crates

Yield: 7 tons/hectare

Time: end February / early March

in the cellar : Must treatment: Cold maceration for 4 days

Fermentation: SST Tank

Pressing: none - free run

Maturation: 12 months in French oak - 20% new, 80% second fill

Bottled: August 2009

Release: October 2010

Production: 11 500 bottles

