

Merlot 2009

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Barton Vineyards

winemaker : Reinhard Odendaal

wine of origin : Walker Bay

analysis : **alc** : 14 % vol **rs** : 2.4 g/l **pH** : 3.54 **ta** : 6.3 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the vineyard : The grapes originate from 5 year old vines. The vineyard is exposed to the cooling SE sea breezes from Walker Bay, and has a silica - quartz topsoil with an eroded ferrous sandstone subsoil, which reduces water stress during the growth season. The cool climate allows for the best expression of this varietal.

about the harvest: Harvested at 25.5° Balling.

in the cellar : Grapes are hand picked and meticulously sorted to ensure the best fruit is used for vinification. Three days of cold maceration before the wine was inoculated with commercial yeast. All together the wine stayed on the skins for up to 35 days for extra extraction and flavour. Regular pumpovers during this stage ensures maximum colour, tannin and flavour extraction. After the wine has been pressed and racked to barrel to commence malolactic fermentation in 35% new French oak where the wine matures for a further 16 months.

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