

Thelema Merlot Reserve 2008

This wine is a blend of the best parcels within our merlot vineyards. A wine well structured and showing extraordinary concentrations of ripe berries and cedar wood. Will reward cellaring.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Thelema Mountain Vineyards

winemaker : Gyles Webb & Rudi Schultz

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 15.06 % vol **rs** : 1.8 g/l **pH** : 3.72 **ta** : 5.3 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

ageing : Maturation Pot: 2012 - 2020

in the vineyard : Varietal: Merlot, clones 192/348A

Soil type: Hutton – decomposed granite

Age of vines: Planted 1988

Trellising: vertical hedge

Irrigation: supplementary drip

in the cellar : Yeasts: Natural occurring yeasts

Fermentation temp: 27 celcius

Method: De-stalked, sorted on tables, crushed, pumped into stainless steel tanks, cold soak for 2 days, pumped over for 5 days & left on the skins for 2 days before pressing , to barrel for for malo-lactic fermentation.

Wood maturation: 18 months in 100% new French oak barrels

