

Eikendal Merlot 2008

The wine has an attractive nose that reminds one of violets, plums, black berries, cherries and peppery spices. On the palate the wine is full and rounded, with soft tannins and a rich taste of black berries and plums. The elegant finish is long and pleasant.

Enjoy with Beef Carpaccio, lasagne or lamb burgers with beetroot relish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Eikendal Vineyards

winemaker : Nico Grobler

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.2 % vol rs : 2.9 g/l pH : 3.55 ta : 6.7 g/l

type : Red **body :** Full **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : This wine is drinking well now, and can be enjoyed through 2012 and beyond.

in the vineyard : These vineyards have a north east aspect and are up to 170m above sea level, grown in the Peroldt five-wire trellising system on Duplex Koffieklip ("Coffee Stone") and Estcourt soils. These vineyards comprise about 9 hectares of the total of 55 planted.

about the harvest: The 2008 vintage is characterised by the excellent colour and fruit intensity, as well as rolling heat waves. The reds wines from Stellenbosch are no exception, with small concentrated berries in the vineyards that ripened to perfection, resulting in wines with great finesse

