

Zevenwacht Merlot 2008

Rich and generous with plush concentrated flavours of plums, chocolate and a combination of red and black cherries. Waves of up front ripe red fruit, ripe strawberries with hints of red cherries that cover the palate from start to finish. For those with a fondness for a softer yet full-bodied Merlot, then this is your investment wine - a wine that, with maturation, will reward you handsomely.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Zevenwacht Wine Estate

winemaker : Jacques Viljoen

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.0 g/l pH : 3.71 ta : 5.9 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Two very different Zevenwacht vineyards were selected in the Stellenbosch District for this wine. The first site, 300m above sea level on the north facing slopes of the Banhoek area, provides bright and juicy fruit with good acidity, tannic weight and absolute fruit density on the palate. The second vineyard on the South Western slopes of Polkadraai Hills, offers Ribena ripeness, generosity and length on the palate. Although soil types differ between the sites, they all have some form of decomposed granite lying over structured clay subsoil allowing for ample drainage and water retention when required.

in the cellar : The 2008 vintage was slightly than 2007, but still moderate. This allowed for beautiful ripe red fruit with awesome tannin ripeness. Berry size was small resulting in dense colouration and high extract in the wine. We used only free-run wine. This selection was aged in 300L barrels one third new, a third second fill and the balance third fill for 15 months. 2008 was an amazing red wine year



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