

Nitida Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

Moulin Rouge re-enacted. Suggestively voluptuous cocoa, red currants and cranberries enveloping masculine pencil shavings, polished leather and cherry tobacco.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Nitida

winemaker : RJ Botha

wine of origin : Durbanville

analysis : alc : 13.76 % vol rs : 1.9 g/l pH : 3.75 ta : 6.1 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Stunning! Stunning! Stunning! The grapes that we are getting from our bottom vineyards are just gorgeous. We had a bit of a concern regarding uneven ripening, but an intense cropping of green berries corrected that. The Cabernet was planted on special rootstock to ensure earlier ripening in our cool climate, and by harvest the berries were perfectly ripe, even the stems of the bunches were a lushous dark red.

in the cellar : The wine was fermented in open fermenters with a combination of punchdowns, pumpovers and 'delestages' to extract the lovely Durbanville tannins. After fermentation the wine spent another 4 weeks on the skins before we pressed and racked it to barrels. The wine was matured for 12 months in 1st, 2nd and 3rd fill French oak.

