

Savanha Winemakers Selection Merlot 2009

The wine is dark plum in colour with inviting aromas of ripe berry, fully-ripened plums and dark chocolate. A crisp, fruit-driven palate shows subtle oak, luscious cherry and lingering berry flavours.

Enjoy now or within 4 years of harvest.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Savanha

winemaker : Jacques Erasmus

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : **alc** : 14.3 % vol **rs** : 3.5 g/l **pH** : 3.5 **ta** : 5.5 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the vineyard : Ten year-old trellised vines planted northwest to southeast yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received supplementary drip irrigation and produced 9 tons per hectare.

about the harvest: Grapes were harvested at 25° Balling, gently crushed, de-stemmed and cooled for fermentation. After a day of cold soaking the juice fermented until dry in stainless steel tanks at 25°C. Three pump-overs were conducted daily, and 45% of the wine was matured in French oak barrels for 6-8 months.

