

Naledi Merlot 2008

Very dark red colour indicates layers of fruit and complexity. The nose reminds of cranberries and black cherry. The palate creates sensations of fruit with hints of dark chocolate and cacao. A generous mid palate with abundance of layers makes you want to just sit, swirl and sip. A lingering finish with smooth, balanced tannins.

Serve with roast beef tenderloin in a creamy oyster mushroom sauce.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Savanha

winemaker : Johan Jordaan

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 14.5 % vol **rs** : 3.9 g/l **pH** : 3.56 **ta** : 5.8 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the vineyard : Trellised, 7-9 year-old vines facing east yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received supplementary drip irrigation and produced 7 tons per hectare. Leaf breakage was done in the bunch zone for optimal colour development and thicker skin, producing more flavour & tannin.

about the harvest: Grapes from selected vineyard blocks were hand-harvested at 25.8° Balling, gently crushed, de-stemmed and sorted. A day of cold soaking preceded temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks and open-top French oak vats. 100% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrels, and all of the wine matured in French oak for 14 months. Careful single barrel selections were made to create this beautiful example of a complete Merlot.

