

Whalehaven Merlot 2009

Deep red-purple colour with aromas of sweet tobacco and prune. A multi-layered wine with both savoury and fruity notes. Smokey bacon, ripe plums, dark forest fruits belie a good tannin structure.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Whalehaven Wines

winemaker : Reino Thiar

wine of origin : Coastal Region

analysis : **alc** : 14 % vol **rs** : 3.4 g/l **pH** : 3.48 **ta** : 5.0 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **taste** : Fragrant

pack : Bottle **size** : 0 **closure** : Cork

ageing : A hearty rustic wine that will develop with time.

in the cellar : Following two days of cold maceration on skins, fermentation was completed reaching temperatures of 25 °C – 28 °C. Malo-lactic took place in stainless steel tanks with French oak staves. The wine was then matured for approximately 14 months in small French oak barrels, 33% in 1st new oak and 67% in 2nd and 3rd fill.

