

Hoopenburg Merlot 2009

Nose - Delicate berries and chocolate, with wafts of perfume and flowers.

Palate - A medium bodied palate followed with round, but firm lingering tannins.

It is great with meat or pasta dishes and delicious with a crab curry.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Hoopenburg Wines

winemaker : Neil Hawkins

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.1 g/l pH : 3.17 ta : 6.0 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : The total production of this wine comes solely from the eleven year old bush vines on Hoopenburg's 35 ha farm.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested at a modest 240 balling.

in the cellar : The grapes were crushed and de-stemmed. Fermentation lasted sixteen days in stainless steel tanks, pressing occurred on day seventeen, with the wine ageing for twenty months in French Oak barrels (20% new). A minimal filtration was done before being bottled.

