

Bovlei Mad Hatters Barbera 2010 (Discontinued)

This wine struts confidence and oozes passion. The colour is a deep purple and the flavours are a complex as an Italian parliamentary debate. Rich plum cake with spicy cherry, a hint of liquorice leading to a deep, intense finish.

Tomato-based pasta dishes, Pizza with fresh basil, Mushroom risotto, Osso Bucco

variety : Barbera | 100% Barbera

winery : Bovlei Cellar (Wellington Wines)

winemaker : Jacques Theron / Frank Meaker

wine of origin : Wellington

analysis : alc : . % vol rs : . g/l pH : .

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : 2 years

in the vineyard : The soils are decomposed granite and the vineyard is trellised. This Barbera vineyard was planted in 2001 and receives supplementary drip irrigation. The second site is on the farm Amoskuil, in Malmesbury. It is a dry-land bush vine vineyard planted on koffieklop soils, planted in 2000.

about the harvest: Paarl grapes were hand harvested at 26.2° balling. The Swartland grapes were harvested at 25.8° balling.

in the cellar : The grapes come from the Darling/Mamre area and were fermented in three-ton fermenters after which the wine went into 300 litre barrels immediately. Different fill barrels were used, mainly a French with a little American oak, and the wine was matured for 18 months. The wood makes for a pleasant mouth-feel, enhancing the bouquet. The opulent colour and structure are intense and need time to mature.

