

Bovlei Lifestyle Merlot 2010 (Discontinued)

A Premium merlot with hints of mint & berries

Full-bodied Merlot from the Wellington valley. It has rich varietal characteristics, juicy dark fruit, supported by soft wood tannins, and sensuous, lingering mouth feel.

Leg of Lamb, Quail, duck or ox tongue

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Bovlei Cellar (Wellington Wines)

winemaker : Jacques Theron / Frank Meaker

wine of origin : Wellington

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.9 g/l pH : 3.57 ta : 6.2 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium

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

ageing : 2 years

in the vineyard : The grapes Bovlei received for this Cabernet came from a vineyard situated near the cellar on the northern slopes. The vines are grown on a three wire Perold Trellising System with drip irrigation. It produced 6.5 ton grapes per hectare.

in the cellar : The grapes were destemmed and transferred to open fermentation tanks. After the addition of selected yeast the juice, together with the skins, were allowed to ferment at controlled temperatures of 25° C and 28° C. During fermentation, skins that tend to rise to the top were regularly pushed down to cool the cap and to optimise flavour and colour extraction. At 5° B, juice was drained from the skins and fermentation allowed to continue in closed tanks. Any juice remaining in the skins were recovered with the use of a gentle tank press. After allowing for malolactic fermentation the wine was racked from the lees and transferred to 225 L oak barrels for maturation.

