

Idiom Merlot / Pinotage / Cabernet Franc / Cabernet Sauvignon / Petit Verdot 2008 (Cape Blend)

A velvety opulent wine made with the Cape's own grape Pinotage, blended with Merlot, Cabernet franc, Cabernet sauvignon and Petit verdot. Developed multi layered aromas, flavours and textures of cassis, leather and red cherry with a long sweet finish.

variety : Merlot | 40% Merlot, 30% Pinotage, 15% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot

winery : Idiom Wines

winemaker : Reino Thiart

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 15 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.85 ta : 6.2 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Vineyard – Da Capo, Sir Lowry's Pass, Helderberg

Soils: Granite/Tukulu (decomposed granite)/Table Mnt. Sandstone

Aspect: Cab s – west, Pinotage – south west, Merlot - south & south west

Trellising: Vertical Shoot Positioning

Irrigation: Drip

Predominant wind: SE Summer / NW Winter

Date of planting: Cab s - 2000, Pinotage - 2001 & 2002, Merlot - 1999

Clones: Cab s – 46C & 1631, 15M, 169AX Pinotage – PI245 & PI148A Merlot – MO343 & MO12, MO181 & MO192, MO3.

about the harvest: Balling at picking: 24.5 - 25.9°B

in the cellar : All the different grapes spent 5 days on cold maceration, where after it was fermented in stainless steel tanks at optimal temperatures of between 22-28°C. Here after malo-lactic fermentation took place on wood staves in stainless steel tanks. The wine were then matured separately for 10 months in 45% new 225L French and American oak, before being blended and left to marry for a further 2-4 months.

