

MAN Vintners Merlot 2010

This wine is a classically styled Merlot showcasing all that makes Merlot such a crowd-pleasing wine: bold red-berry fruit and oak spice aromas with plush, ripe berry fruit and chocolate flavours. Soft, gentle tannins with a long finish.

This Merlot will be wonderful just by itself or paired with lamb stew, lasagne, pizza, barbeque, and a wide range of other dishes.

variety : Merlot | 87% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Shiraz

winery : MAN Family Wines

winemaker : Michelle Rhodes

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : **alc** : 14.0 % vol **rs** : 3.89 g/l **pH** : 3.51 **ta** : 5.4 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Screwcap

in the vineyard : Grapes sourced from several premium vineyards in the Paarl and Stellenbosch regions of South Africa. 85% Perdeberg, 15% Stellenbosch.

about the harvest: 2009 was a relatively easy harvest, with near ideal weather conditions. Vineyards remained stress-free and healthy, ripening their crops easily. In general, the quality of the harvest for both red and white wines was very good.

in the cellar : The grapes were crushed and de-stemmed then fermented over 7 days in stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. The wine was pressed and put back into tank for malo-lactic fermentation. 15% of the wine was matured in 2nd and 3rd fill 225L American oak barrels for 12 months. Fined and filtered before bottling.