

Wildeckrans Cabernet Franc Merlot 2009

Lighter garnet with red ruby edge on the eye. Bell peppers, cinnamon and plums on the nose with an interesting mix of mulberry, ripe cherries and coconut complimented by good toastiness from oak barrel maturation on the palate.

Cheeses, dishes with tomato sauce, ham, pork and veal dishes, Mediterranean fare, pizza, poultry dishes, red meats and heavy game.

variety : Cabernet Franc | 78% Cabernet Franc, 22% Merlot

winery : Wildeckrans Wine Estate

winemaker : William Wilkinson

wine of origin : Bot River

analysis: alc : 14 % vol rs : 3.6 g/l pH : 3.52 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : 4 years

in the vineyard : Area: Bot River, Ward Walker Bay

Soil type: Bokkeveld shale

Age of vines: 12 years

Vine density: 3333 vines per hectare

about the harvest: Harvested by hand at 25° Balling.

in the cellar : After harvesting the grapes were delicately crushed. Cold soaked through the night. Inoculated the next morning, pump overs every 4 hours. Lightly pressed and matured in French oak barrels for 18 months.

