

## Delheim Merlot 2008

An elegant wine with black cherry aromas, complemented by hints of coffee bean and mocha undertones. Well-balanced with silky tannins and a smooth finish.

**variety** : Merlot | 95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

**winery** : Delheim Wine Estate

**winemaker** : Brenda van Niekerk

**wine of origin** : Simonsberg-Stellenbosch

**analysis** : **alc** : 14.3 % vol **rs** : 2.2 g/l **pH** : 3.56 **ta** : 5.80 g/l

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

**pack** : Bottle **closure** : Cork

**in the vineyard** : From 10- and 16-year-old trellised vines on 5-wire Perold. Selected bunches were removed in two tranches before harvest to ensure maximum concentration of tannins and colour. Summer pruning ensured correct light exposure and canopy density.

**in the cellar** : The juice from the handpicked grapes was fermented in roto-tanks and upright fermentors with the aid of selected yeast strains. Temperature was maintained at 25°- 30°C. The wine was racked and returned once daily, followed by two pump-overs per day, and then matured for 13 months in French oak (38% new).

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