

Openers Merlot 2008

This softer approach to a red wine. A medium bodied, restrained style; feminine and deliciously smooth.

Perfect when served with pasta and meat roasts.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery :

winemaker : Reino Kruger

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 0 - 5 g/l pH : 3.61 ta : 5.69 g/l va : 0.64 g/l so2 :
under 100 mg/l fso2 : 35 mg/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : **Soil:** Scali, Alluvial, Hutton, Kroonstad and Clovelly

Growing Climate/Vintage Conditions: Cool ocean breeze. nestled in the Helderberg basin, surrounded by the Hottentots Holland mountains.

about the harvest: **Date of Harvest:** mid-March

Type of Harvest: Hand harvest in the cool morning.

in the cellar : **Method:** Cold maceration for 3 days, followed by juice extraction. Pump over and punch down 3 times daily.

Temperature: 16° - 28° C

Length: 10 - 25 days on skins

Malolactic: In stainless steel tanks with wood staves.

