

## Excelsior Merlot 2011

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Appearance: Dark, ruby Colour

Nose: Sweet violet, blackberry fruits and on the nose.

Palate: Succulent flavours of ripe plum and blackcurrant, enhanced by hints of coffee and chocolate. Soft tannins lend a firm structure.

Enjoy with red meat dishes, well-matured cheeses or simply sip for the pure pleasure of it.

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**variety** : Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery** : Excelsior Wine Estate

**winemaker** : Johan Stemmet

**wine of origin** : Robertson

**analysis** : alc : 14.75 % vol   rs : 2.4 g/l   pH : 3.5   ta : 5.4 g/l   so2 : 61 mg/l   fso2 : 25 mg/l

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

**pack** : Bottle   **closure** : Screwcap

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Veritas Wine Awards 2012 - Bronze Medal

Michelangelo CCL Label International Wine Awards 2012 - Silver

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**in the vineyard** : Merlot has a tendency towards green flavours and tannins, so canopy management practices like shoot removal and green harvesting are used to produce and evenly ripened crop.

**in the cellar** : Matured in 85% French and 15% American oak.  
Also available in 1.5L Magnum bottle.

