

Elgin Vintners Merlot 2009

This wine displays upfront plum and mulberry aromas with underlying mineral notes and a hint of cinnamon. Full bodied, slightly savoury with hints of spice and firm tannins which imparts further character and complexity. A classy and elegant Merlot which proudly reflects the gentle terroir of the cool Elgin region and sensitive handling in the cellar.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Elgin Vintners

winemaker : Justin Hoy

wine of origin : Elgin

analysis : alc : 14.95 % vol rs : 1.5 g/l pH : 3.54 ta : 6.7 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

Double Gold - Veritas Wine Awards 2013

Bronze Medal - Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2013

Silver Medal - International Wine Challenge 2013

Silver Medal - Decanter 2013

Bronze Medal - International Wine & Spirit Challenge 2012

Bronze Medal - Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2012

in the vineyard : Six grape growers within the Elgin ward have joined forces to establish Elgin Vintners. The members are fortunate in that they are able to access outstanding quality grapes from within their ranks - each contributing something unique to the final product.

The 2009 Elgin Vintners Merlot is our fifth vintage.

about the harvest: These grapes were harvested from a single vineyard planted at 400m above sea level on Eikenhof Farm. Clone Mo348.

Harvest Date: 7th April 2009

in the cellar : These grapes were harvested from a single vineyard planted at 400m above sea level on Eikenhof Farm. Clone Mo348.

After crushing the grapes were given a cold soak of four days. Thereafter the grapes were fermented with RX60 yeast. Daily punch downs were applied for fourteen days until fermentation was complete. A five day post ferment maceration took place prior to racking to 225 lit barriques where MLF was completed. The new wood component was 30% with barrel maturation of a further 20 months. 8% Malbec from Wallovale Vineyards was added to the final blend prior to bottling in February 2011.

Bottling Date: 16th February 2011.

