

Laibach Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

Medium red colour. Good aromatics with leather, meat, pencil shavings and some cassis. Complexed palate with good fruit expression and very soft tannins. Lovely balance with no obstructive oak and a medium length finish.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Ladybird Vineyards

winemaker : Francois van Zyl

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.3 g/l pH : 3.84 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

ageing : Enjoy this wine 3 - 6 years after vintage.

in the vineyard : This wine is a combination of 2 blocks on the farm. Some parts from our oldest block are carefully blended with a younger block on the farm to get the desired result. Like all the vineyards on our farm we do not use insecticides, pesticides or any chemical fertilizers. No irrigation is used and we are completely in the hands of nature. We are blessed with some of the best 'terroir' in the Stellenbosch area. We have very warm days, but moderate to cool nights which allow slow ripening and moderate alcohol levels. It is not our idea to produce blockbuster black wines, rather elegant wines with good balance and sense of place.

about the harvest: All the grapes are handpicked and carefully destemmed.

in the cellar : Like with every bunch on the farm it visits a 'vibrating' sorting table after the destemmer, but before the crusher. Slow removal of all unwanted green stems is very important to help us move away from herbaceous bitter tannins. The mash is inoculated with an old favourite yeast called WE372.

Fermentation took place in small 4 ton open top stainless tanks. Manual punch downs with some daily 'pump overs' are used to extract colour, flavour and soft tannins. The wine will spend at least 14 months in older oak barrels and if possible 2 - 3 years in bottle before release.

