

## Delaire Graff Merlot 2009

Firm and well balanced, this Merlot is characterised by spicy, dark plum and berry flavours which dominate on the palate, whilst silky, ripe tannins ensure a long and lingering finish.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Delaire Graff Estate

**winemaker :** Morne Vrey

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol   rs : 1.7 g/l   pH : 3.53   ta : 6.3 g/l

**type :** Red   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle   **size :** 0   **closure :** Cork

**in the vineyard :** The 2009 vintage was an exceptional year due to the perfect conditions throughout the season. Warm rain free weather just before harvest helped with the complete ripening of grapes.

**about the harvest:** From a single vineyard on Delaire Graff Estate, the grapes were handpicked in the fresh hours of the early morning from Delaire mountain vineyards.

**in the cellar :** From our oldest vineyards, the Merlot was vinified with care and passion. Extensive sorting of the grapes formed part of the quality management process. The grapes were de-stemmed only, not crushed, to ensure gentle extraction of fruit flavours. Matured for 15 months in French Oak barrels.

