

## Allee Bleue Starlette Rouge 2011

The colour is a rich dark crimson red. Beautiful spicy flavours of nutmeg and cloves welcome you. Followed by ripe cherry and an intriguing fynbos character. The palate is soft and elegant with upfront berry fruit and ends with smooth vanilla and chocolate flavours. A fruit driven wine for everyday.

The wine is a perfect companion for a juice lamb roast with baby vegetables or fresh pasta at your favourite Italian place. Or on its own.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 23% Shiraz

**winery :** Allee Bleue Estate

**winemaker :** Van Zyl du Toit

**wine of origin :** Franschhoek

**analysis:** alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 4.7 g/l pH : 3.45 ta : 5.7 g/l

**type :** Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Herbaceous **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Cork

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**in the vineyard :** Grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon 39%, Merlot 38% and Shiraz 23%

The grapes were sourced from our own pristine vineyards.

**in the cellar :** After harvesting, cooling and sorting, the grapes were crushed to the red fermenters and a cold soak done @ 7° C for 3 days. After inoculation with yeast the pump overs started intensely for 5 days before pressing at 5° - 8° B. This ensures a supple and smooth red wine. MLF is done in tank before the Merlot part is aged in barrel, 2nd and 3rd fill and the Cabernet en Shiraz stays in tank on French staves for 12 months before blending and bottling.

