

## Backsberg Merlot 2011

Pungent aromas of raspberry and red plums are tempered by the deft use of French oak maturation. The palate is redolent with succulent, sweet fruit flavours and finely coated in ripe, mouth-filling tannins. Smokey and savoury oak characters provide a subtle background to this complex and well balanced wine.

Goes very well with dishes such as duck, lamb, sirloin steak and pastas. Also a great accompaniment to chocolate and mint desserts.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot  
winery : Backsberg Estate Cellars  
winemaker : Guillaume Nell  
wine of origin : Western Cape  
analysis : alc : 14.30 % vol    rs : 2.7 g/l    pH : 3.69    ta : 4.8 g/l  
type : Red    style : Dry    taste : Fruity    wooded  
pack : Bottle    closure : Cork

ageing : 5 - 7 years

in the vineyard : CLIMATE: Mediterranean  
SOIL TYPE: Clay loam, med-high yield, 280m north elevation  
VITICULTURE: 2-12 year old vineyards, yield 7-12t/ha

in the cellar : Long skin fermentation with lots of aeration. Oak maturation for 12 – 18 months in 225l oak barrels.



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