

Yonder Hill Merlot 2010

Deep dark colour. Rich velvety texture with blackberries, cassis, eucalyptus and dark chocolates on the nose. This wine is built on a heavy but well rounded tannin structure, and is excellently well balanced.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Yonder Hill

winemaker : _

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 14.0 % vol **rs** : 2.3 g/l **pH** : 3.33 **ta** : 6.6 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

Old Mutual Wine Show 2011 silver awards

ageing : Cellar for 7 years or drink now.

in the vineyard : Vineyards are sixteen years old and planted on the northern slopes of the farm. The vines are trained onto a five-wire trellis system to maximise exposure to the sunlight and sea breeze. The use of minimal handling and insecticides shows our approach towards enviro-friendly farming methods.

Soils

Deep fertile Oak leaf and Tukululu soil. The 20 to 30 cm of lime becomes a good mixture of sand to sand-lime-clay soil medium. It is then followed by 50 to 60 cm of wet zone, as a result of limited amounts of clay, with apparent granite origin.

in the cellar : The berries from the tiny 1.2ha vineyard, ripened in the early months of the year. Fermentation took place on the skins for twelve days, with five days post maceration after gentle pressing, malolactic was encouraged. This Merlot was then matured in all-new small French oak barrels for 20 months.

Bottled: 30 March 2012