

Stonecross Merlot/Pinotage 2011

The fine tannins and chocolate flavours of the Merlot compliment the ripe cherry and prune fruits of the Pinotage. Very subtle aromas of caramel and chocolate on the nose and palate. Medium bodied easy drinkable wine.

Cottage Pie, Chicken in red wine, Vegetarian pasta.

variety : Merlot | 60% Merlot, 40% Pinotage

winery : Deetlefs Estate

winemaker : Ferdi Visser

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.70 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 5.62 g/l so2 : 77.0 mg/l fso2 : 40.0 mg/l

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

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

ageing : 2 - 4 years

in the vineyard : Merlot

Rootstock: 101-14/8-7

Clone: MO12/181

Plant Date: 1998

Hectares: 6 ha

Pinotage

Rootstock: 101-14

Clone: P148A

Plant Date: 1995

Hectares: 10 ha

about the harvest: Grapes are picked when the perfect balance between phenolic ripeness, soft fruit tannins and fruit aromas are achieved.

Harvest date: 30 January 2011 – 2 March 2011

in the cellar : Techniques in the winery are applied to maximize freshness and the expression of fruit aromas typical to this noble variety. Oaking is used moderately as finishing/polishing component enabling us to produce varietal true wines.

