

Guardian Peak Merlot 2012

Lively ruby red. Clean expressive red fruit aromas are prevalent on the nose. There are lovely undertones of fresh strawberries and subtle mocha coffee notes. The fresh, lingering, red fruit characteristics are well supported with soft vanilla flavours. The wine is well integrated with gentle tannins, and a soft, elegant finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Guardian Peak

winemaker : Philip van Staden

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.71 % vol rs : 4.78 g/l pH : 3.57 ta : 5.37 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Climate

Terroir-driven wines selected from vineyards ranging from Mediterranean climates in Stellenbosch (rainfall ± 600mm per annum) to more arid coastal regions (rainfall + 200mm per annum). Drip irrigation used in drier areas to optimally control vineyard produce.

Soil

A diverse composition of soil and topography add complexity and an array of different characteristics to the wine.

in the cellar : The wine is fermented at 28°C in a combination of open (punch down) and closed fermentors (pump over) for 7 to 14 days. Punch downs and pump overs occurred 5 times a day. Maturation occurred in 2nd and 3rd fill 300 litre French and American oak for 10 months.

