

Guardian Peak Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

Bright Opaque in colour with classic Cabernet Sauvignon aroma profile, with rich cassis and dark fruit on the nose with a beautiful lead pencil line. This wine is true to its varietal grown in the Helderberg region of Stellenbosch.

The complexity from the nose is well represented on the palate with the dark fruit aiding its rich creamy texture. This wine is very well integrated, with a great structure, fine firm tannins and a long, powerful finish.

Impression: "I have a great respect for Napa Cabernet Sauvignons as I appreciate the art of their balance in such powerful wine. This wine was made to see how close we can come to a Napa style Cabernet Sauvignon in Stellenbosch".

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Guardian Peak

winemaker : Philip van Staden

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.95 % vol rs : 1.6 g/l pH : 3.92 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

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

in the vineyard : Climate

Mediterranean with the rainfall 650mm per annum, the vineyards are located high up on the northern slopes of the Helderberg Mountain. This contribution imparts warmer fruit flavours to the wine. In summer, the vineyards' close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean result in cool sea breezes that keeps temperatures lower, extending the ripening period.

Soil

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

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in open top fermentors and was followed by a maceration period of 14 days after primary fermentation. The wine was matured in first fill French oak for 18 months.

