

Sterhuis Astra Red 2006

The wine is classic in style, serious yet very accessible flavours with plums, mulberries, black cherries, chocolate and coffee on the nose. The palate is rich, soft and silky with the complexity of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon combining with delicate oaking in a soft seductive finish.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 30% Merlot, 70% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Sterhuis

winemaker : Johan Kruger

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.0 g/l pH : 3.62 ta : 5.9 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

about the harvest: Harvest Date: 7-11 March 2006

in the cellar : The Astra Red 2006 is a barrel selection of our 10 best red wine barrels in the cellar from the 2006 vintage. I selected three Merlot and seven Cabernet Sauvignon barrels after 16 months of oak maturation. The selection process was very critical on the wines and I only selected very fine, delicate and well balanced/integrated barrels. The blend was then made up in tank and brought back to barrel for another 6 months after which the wine was racked from barrel and bottled without any fining or filtration. The Astra red has now been in the bottle since December 2008 and is in the process of being released. Only 3000 bottles were made.

Growing region: Stellenbosch South Africa

Crushing regime: Crushed and destemmed

Fermentation: French yeast 24° to 26°

Blend composition: 30% Merlot, 70% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases produced: 250

Bottling date: December 2008

