

Sterhuis Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

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 : Merlot | 55% Merlot, 45% 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 **taste** : Fruity

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the cellar : The Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon is a barrel selection from our red wine barrels in the cellar from the 2010 vintage. I selected the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon barrels after 22 month 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.

Growing region: Stellenbosch South Africa

Crushing regime: Crushed and destemmed

Fermentation: French yeast 24° to 26°

Blend composition: 55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases produced: 750

Bottling date: September 2012