

Cape of Good Hope Parel Vallei Farmstead Merlot 2009

Fynbos, blue and black berry fruit and spice aromas with a faint mintiness makes for an intriguing nose. From the outset there is a rich vibrancy to the mouth. Ample cocoa and chocolate opulence with the blue and black berry fruit showing well. Rewardingly smooth textured and integrated with the oak providing a spicy underpinning. Great length of flavour on the aftertaste.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Anthonij Rupert Wyne

winemaker : Dawie Botha

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.78 % vol rs : 0.9 g/l pH : 3.77 va : 0.65 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard :

RAINFALL: 749mm

SOIL TYPE: Clay

YIELD: 4ton/ha

VINTAGE NOTES: Proprietor of Anthonij Rupert Wines, Johann Rupert has taken a personal interest in this parcel of fruit - since it is planted literally in his backyard. A small block of Merlot, planted at high density in residential Somerset West produces this uniquely perfumed wine. Deep clay soils and strict canopy management of the vertically trellised vines gives us consistency of character and taste of the grapes and wine.

about the harvest:

HARVESTING BEGAN: 25 February 2008

HARVESTING ENDED: 25 February 2008

in the cellar : The grapes were hand sorted, and fermented in 225L new French oak barrels. After fermentation we extended skin contact for a further 10 days before pressing the wine, making the total days on the skins about 45 days. The wine went through malolactic fermentation in the same barrels.

The wine was aged in the same new French oak barrels for 24 months and bottle aged for 24 months.



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