

Noble Hill Estate Blend 2010

This wine elicits the aromas and tastes of fresh black currant, plum, and a touch of mint. Oak plays a well-integrated supporting role with graphite focus.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot

winery : Noble Hill Wine Estate

winemaker : Bernard le Roux

wine of origin : Simonsberg-Paarl

analysis: alc : 15.3 % vol rs : 3.1 g/l pH : 3.58 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : This vintage was released after two years' bottle maturation and can be enjoyed from now through 2020.

about the harvest: A cold, wet winter in 2009 resulted in delayed budding, reduced yield, and increased berry size. Due to the softer style of the resulting wines, we selected a relatively more intense Cabernet Sauvignon component originating from a single vineyard on the estate as the basis of the blend.

in the cellar : From hand-sorting at harvest, each component of this blend begins its fermentation in tank and completes it in 225l French oak barrels. Only the lowest press fractions are used for blending, resulting in a wine composed almost entirely of free-run juice. We work with five family-owned cooperages located near Cognac to produce barrels matched to our intended style.

