

Morgenhof Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

A dark ruby red colour welcomes you to a nose filled with flavours of cassis & dark chocolate. These flavours follow through onto a balanced palate with a hint of spice and a lingering finish.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
winery : Morgenhof Wine Estate
winemaker : Andries de Klerk
wine of origin : Simonsberg-Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc** : 14.0 % vol **rs** : 3.2 g/l **pH** : 3.70 **ta** : 5.1 g/l
type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Full **taste** : Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size** : 0 **closure** : Cork

in the vineyard : Service Area: Cabernet Sauvignon 16.72 hectares

Terroir: These vineyards are planted on W-NW and W-SW slopes at 170m - 240m above sea-level. The soil on all these blocks varies from medium to heavy textured, with a moderate structure and shale mother material. The clay content varies 15% - 20%

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Vineyard Age: Cabernet Sauvignon 10 - 18 years

Density/Block: 3000 - 3500 vines per hectare

Rootstock: Cabernet Sauvignon: Richter 99; Richter 110

Soil Preparation: Mechanical preparation and adjusting of the pH with lime.

about the harvest: Harvesting by hand in picking baskets which get tipped in bins for transport to the cellar.

in the cellar : Basic Cellar Procedure

Received the grapes during mid morning. Crushing and de-stemming commenced and then the mash is pumped into Marionette fermentation tanks where it was cold macerated for 3 days. Yeast was then added so that fermentation could start. Fermentation took place at between 20° - 30°C.

Pump Overs

Aerated pump-over 4 times per daily and moving one times the volume of the tank with every pump-over

Maceration: 10 - 24 days

Press: Bucher Pneumatic press. The first press-wine went with the free-run and the next press-wine was kept separately and treated with the necessary fining agents.

Malolactic Fermentation: Malo-lactic fermentation done in Stainless Steel tanks

Maturation: Aged for 18 Months in French oak, second fill.

