

Hillcrest Estate Hornfels 2009

Dense dark red colour. Full bodied, elegant, with loads of fresh fruit flavours. A lingering persistence coats the back palate.

variety : Cabernet Franc | 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12.5% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 12.5% Malbec & 20% Petit Verdot.

winery : Hillcrest Estate

winemaker : .

wine of origin :

analysis : **alc** : 13.2 % vol **rs** : 1.4 g/l **pH** : 3.78 **ta** : 6.9 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

Silver - Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2013
Silver - Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2012
Bronze - Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2011
4 Stars - John Platter 2012
4 Stars - Classic FM Magazine 2012
4.5 Stars - Wine Magazine 2011

ageing : Drinking well now but has a long life ahead.

in the vineyard :

SOIL TYPE: Well drained Hutton & Glenrosa

VINEYARD: Cabernet Franc, Malbec & Petit Verdot vines; 1.4 hectare block, 300 meters above sea level. Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon lower altitude taking advantage of warmer ripening conditions.

about the harvest: Grapes handpicked & sorted.

in the cellar :

A two to three day cold soak at 12 - 15°C ensured max colour extraction in a non-alcoholic environment

Early fermentation; regular pumpovers & punchdowns were done to aid flavour & tannin extraction. After malolactic fermentation, wine was racked into new & 2nd fill 225L French oak barrels. After 9 months the most flavoursome barrels were selected, blended & returned to oak for a further 9 months.