

## Hillcrest Estate Hornfels 2011

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Saturated purple/red colour. Striking nose of spring flowers & crushed chalk, contributed by the Cabernet Franc. Fresh with decadent ripe fruit & seamless tannins. A unique style that emphasises the contribution made by the three lesser known varieties of a Bordeaux blend. Superb fruit concentration & well delineated finish.

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**variety :** Cabernet Franc | 12.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12.5% Merlot, 37.5% Cabernet Franc, 25% Malbec & 12.5% Petit Verdot.

**winery :** Hillcrest Estate

**winemaker :** .

**wine of origin :**

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol    rs : 2.9 g/l    pH : 3.57    ta : 5.8 g/l

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

**pack :** Bottle    **closure :** Cork

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**ageing :**

Will drink well for another decade.

**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 :**

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.