

## Simonsvlei Lifestyle Merlot 2012

An unwooded, off-dry red wine. Intense colour, the nose full of ripe fruit with dark chocolate and almond overtones.

Enjoy with red or white meat dishes.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Simonsvlei Winery

**winemaker :** Christine Jones

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 14.19 % vol    rs : 6.02 g/l    pH : 3.67    ta : 5.47 g/l    so2 : 119 mg/l

**type :** Red    **style :** Off Dry    **taste :** Fragrant

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

**in the vineyard :** Vineyards situated on cool, Southern slopes in the Paarl area. Soils are deep, rich and well drained. We prefer the grapes be planted in an East-West row direction. 5-Wire Perold system trellising. Planting density at 1,2 x 2,7 metres. Basic canopy-, yield-, and crop management, additional watering after veraizon.

**about the harvest:** YIELD: 8 – 10 t/ha  
BALLING AT HARVEST: 23,5 – 26 °B

**in the cellar :** Fermented on skins, in stainless steel tanks @ 22 – 26°C for 7 – 12 days. Pressed, raked. Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Fining with gelatine/egg white, Kieselghur filtration. No wood treatment.

