

Van Loveren Merlot 2013

Lightly oaked wine with soft strawberry notes on the nose, a rich fruity palate and soft, well balanced tannins, ensuring easy drinking.

Good with stews, chargrilled chicken, venison, lamb, red meat dishes, smoked meats and flavourful cheeses.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Van Loveren

winemaker : Bussell Retief

wine of origin : Robertson

analysis : alc : 14.17 % vol rs : 3.8 g/l pH : 3.52 ta : 5.3 g/l

type : Red **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity wooded

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

2011 John Platter Guide- 3 Stars

2010 WINE Magazine 2010 Best Value Guide -3 Stars

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ageing : Maturation potential: 2 to 3 years

in the vineyard : Age of vine: 10 Years old

Soils: Sandstone; Karoo

Trellising: 4 Wire Perold system

Irrigation: Drip irrigation controlled by a computer system through meters and tensiometers.

about the harvest: Harvested by hand.

in the cellar : 100% French oak staves for 6 months. Minimal intervention in the natural process of vinification, allowing the cultivar to express its individual characteristics and the soil of its origin.

