

## Groote Post Merlot 2012

A wine that is a product of our never ending quest to perfect our winemaking craft. A hint of smoked beef and mint on the nose. An explosion of blackberries on the palate with well integrated tannins from the gentle oak process.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Groote Post Vineyards

**winemaker :** Lukas Wentzel

**wine of origin :** Darling

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol   rs : 2.2 g/l   pH : 3.53   ta : 5.6 g/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle   **size :** 0   **closure :** Cork

2014 John Platter's Wine Guide - 3 stars

2013 Decanter World Wine Awards - Commended

**in the vineyard :** Vines planted: 1993

Soil: Hutton & Oakleaf

Clones: MO: 181 & 192 B

Irrigation: Supplementary

Trellising: 7 wire Perold

Elevation: 300m

**about the harvest:** Harvested at 24° - 26° B with an average yield of 8 tons/ha.

**in the cellar :** When it comes to Merlot selection - quality is the name of the game. Careful vineyard block choice is followed by meticulous grape selection in the vineyards and on the sorting table. The grapes undergo a maceration of 3 - 4 days before inoculation with yeast. Fermentation is followed by another 3 weeks on the skins. Before going into barrel, a final wine selection ensures that only the highest quality wine ends up in the bottle.

Wood maturation: 10% new oak barrels, 70% second fill barrels, 20% older fill barrels- French Oak only



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