

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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