

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% Merlotwinery: Groote Post Vineyardswinemaker: Lukas Wentzelwine 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

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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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