

Anthonij Rupert Cape of Good Hope Parel Vallei Farmstead Merlot 2011

Lively black and blueberry fruit aromas with a faint fynbos and violet brush. Smooth entry into the mouth with bright, vibrant blue- and black berries. Deep, rich chocolate note with light violet note too. Lovely elegance and refinement apparent in the layered and succulent palate. Seamlessly integrated oak adds structure and a light twist of dry, fine tannin. Good concentration and depth with a lingering aftertaste.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Anthonij Rupert Wyne

winemaker : Dawie Botha

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13.37 % vol rs : 2.1 g/l pH : 3.54 ta : 5.2 g/l va : 0.61 g/l so2 : 129 mg/l fso2 : 22 mg/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Proprietor of Anthonij Rupert Wines, Johann Rupert has taken a personal interest in this parcel of fruit - it is planted literally in his backyard. A small block of Merlot, planted at high density in residential Somerset-West, produces this uniquely perfumed wine. Deep clay soils and strict canopy management of the vertically trellised vines gives us consistency of character and taste of the grapes and wine.

Origin: Helderberg

Soil Type: Clay

Rainfall: 995.8mm

Average Temp: 18.2° C

about the harvest:

Harvesting Began: 14/02/2011

Harvesting Ended: 14/02/2011

Yield: 4ton/ha

in the cellar : The grapes were hand-sorted, and fermented in 225L new French oak barrels. After fermentation we extended skin contact for a further 8 days before pressing the wine, making the total days on the skins about 43 days. The wine went through malolactic fermentation in the same barrels. The wine was aged in 75% new French oak barrels for 24 months and bottle-aged for 24 months.



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