

KWV Classic Collection Merlot 2012

This Merlot exudes aromas of blueberry and upfront red cherries and berries. The wine is soft and elegant, with subtle fruit sweetness on the palate and a velvety tannin structure, yet remains juicy with a refreshing and lingering finish.

This wine can be enjoyed on its own, with pasta dishes incorporating tomato-based sauces, roast duck, chicken, grilled meats or steak.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : KWV Classic Collection

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.25 % vol rs : 7.07 g/l pH : 3.41 ta : 5.79 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **wooded**

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

ageing : Enjoy this wine now or cellar for up to two and a half years from vintage.

in the vineyard : The winter preceding the 2012 vintage was characterized by far lower than average rainfall. This trend continued into the summer, resulting in vineyards showing signs of lower soil moisture by way of the reduced berry size and bunch weight. A cooler ripening season with even temperatures led to steady and measured ripening of the grapes. Overall, the smaller berry size and lower yields promise great concentration, good quality and intense colour in the 2012 vintage wines.

about the harvest:

in the cellar : The wine received eight to ten months of wood maturation.

