

Delheim Merlot 2009

An elegant wine with black cherry aromas, complemented by hints of coffee bean and mocha undertones. Well-balanced with silky tannins and a smooth finish.

variety : Merlot | 85% Merlot, 15% Petit Verdot

winery : Delheim Wine Estate

winemaker : Brenda van Niekerk

wine of origin : Simonsberg-Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 3.25 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 5.74 g/l

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

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

in the vineyard : From 11- and 17-year-old trellised vines on 5-wire Perold. Selected bunches were removed in two tranches before harvest to ensure maximum concentration of tannins and colour. Summer pruning ensured correct light exposure and canopy density.

about the harvest: Grapes were handpicked.

in the cellar : The juice from the handpicked grapes was fermented in stainless steel fermentors with the aid of selected yeast strains. Temperature was maintained at 25° - 28°C. The wine was raked and returned once daily, followed by two pump-overs per day, and then matured for 15 months in French oak (65% barrels and 35% staves).

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