

Delaire Graff Cape Vintage 2012

Uplifting and beautifully weighted. Polished red berry fruit is crisp and spicy. Good acidity and finely honed tannins complete the palate experience.

variety : Tinta Barocca | 63% Tinta Barocca, 37% Touriga Nacional

winery : Delaire Graff Estate

winemaker : Morne Vrey

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 19.5 % vol rs : 97.9 g/l pH : 3.56 ta : 5.5 g/l

type : Red wooded

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

in the vineyard : The 2012 conditions produced crops of notable quality. The cooler harvest period and slow ripening of grapes resulted in smaller berries with intense colour, exceptional flavours and structure.

about the harvest: Grapes were handpicked at optimal ripeness in 18 kg lug boxes from 12 year old Stellenbosch vineyards.

in the cellar : Directly after picking, the grapes were cooled to 5° C, crushed and cold-soaked for five days. Thereafter, the grapes underwent a cycle of gentle punch downs six times per day and were then fortified with a combination of wine and un-aged brandy spirits until the desired sugar levels were reached. The wine was then matured in 225 litre oak barrels for 12 months and was released only after a further 18 months of bottle maturation.

