

Longridge Merlot 2011

This vintage delivered wine with good tannin structures. Aromas of dark, red fruit compliment flavours of aniseed, cassis and mulberry.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Longridge Wine Estate

winemaker : Jasper Raats & Hendrien de Munck

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.8 g/l pH : 3.66 ta : 5.7 g/l

type : Red **wooded**

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

in the vineyard : Rooted in deep fine granite Hutton and Tukululu soils on the slopes of the Helderberg, these vineyards enjoy the refreshingly cool breezes from the Atlantic Ocean during the hot summer months, resulting in even ripening of the berries.

about the harvest:

All vines are trellised in a VSP system. Leaves were broken out on the "shade" side in mid November. At véraison we bunch sorted and reduced the crop by 30% and left until harvest mid March when the grape were optimally ripe.

in the cellar :

Meticulous hand sorting before fermenting naturally for 10 days in stainless steel tanks and then pressed. This wine has been matured in French oak barrels for 26 months and is ready for drinking now, but will continue to develop over the next eight years.

