

Avontuur Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2012

Colour: Deep rich plum.

Aroma: Dark cherries with a raw almond nuttiness, ending off with a nuance of mint brought into the profile by the Cabernet Sauvignon component.

Flavour: The medium to full bodied palate introduces a juicy berry profile with sufficient tannic structure to enhance the ageing potential. Integrated wood and a lingering finish adds to the wine's attraction.

Perfect with red meat dishes, seared game fish steaks or robust vegetarian dishes like Ratatouille.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot

winery : Avontuur Estate

winemaker : Adél van der Merwe

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.55 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

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

ageing : Drink now or over the next 5 years.

in the vineyard : Deep, well-drained Hutton and Clovelly soils. Planted on the west-facing slopes of the Helderberg, between Stellenbosch and Somerset West. Trellised on a 5-wire Perold system. Supplementary irrigation.

about the harvest:

Harvest date: Mid-February to mid-March 2011

Harvested at full ripeness (24° Balling).

in the cellar : De-stemmed and fermented on the skins for 10 days. After pressing, the wine went through malolactic fermentation in steel tanks after which a percentage was aged for 12 months in 2nd fill French oak barrels and Hungarian oak, which was used for the first time.

Bottling Date: 13 March 2013



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