

Morgenhof Estate Merlot 2010

rich dark ruby coloured wine lures you to a complex nose full of intense black cherry, mulberry and mixed spice. These enticing flavours follow through onto a supple, lingering palate.

Slow-cooked Lamb with Rosemary, Kingklip in a Red Wine Sauce, Beef Wellington, Braised Short Ribs

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Morgenhof Wine Estate

winemaker : Andries de Klerk

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.2 g/l pH : 3.53 ta : 5.5 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

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

in the vineyard :

The Merlot vineyard is planted on N-NW; SW-W and N, S facing slopes from 160m-200m above sea-level. These blocks are planted on the following soil types nl: Swartland, Tukulu, Vilafonte and Glenrosa. These soils varies from medium to heavy textured, with a clay content that varies from 15-20%

Vineyard Age: 7 Years

about the harvest: Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool morning hours.

in the cellar :

The mash was pumped into stainless steel fermentation tanks. Maceration took place over 3 days. The juice is inoculated with commercial yeast strains, and fermentation temperatures are held between 18-30°C. Aerated pump-overs are done 3 times per day. Malolactic fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks, after which the wine is put in small French oak barrels for maturation up to 18 Months.

