

Stellekaya Merlot 2008

A full bodied wine with minty characters and loads of black currents, hints of coffee and dry fruits. The grasping acidity balances the sweet flavours, ensuring good cellaring potential. Well integrated tannins give the wine a round, lingering finish.

This wine pairs well with beef Carpaccio, drizzled with homemade mayonnaise, topped with rocket and parmesan shavings.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Stellekaya Winery

winemaker : Ntsiki Biyela

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis: alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.56 ta : 5.6 g/l

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

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

ageing : Age for 4 - 6 Years

Inspired by the brightest star in Taurus, the "giant red, Aldebaran, known as the "eye of the bull"

in the vineyard : Site: Blocks from East and South West facing slopes of Stellenbosch

Altitude: 180 to 200 meters

Soil Type: Tukululu

Age of Vines: 10 years

Irrigation: Drip Irrigation

Climate: Cool False Bay evening breezes

about the harvest:

Grapes were hand picked at optimal ripeness in early March 2008. The yield was 7 tons per ha.

in the cellar : Maceration: cold soaked for 3 days

Fermentation: open micro fermenters

Pressing: basket pressed

Malolactic fermentation: in the barrels

Maturation: 12 months in wood, 30% new barrels

Bottled: March 2009

Production: 6000 liters

