

## Stonecross Merlot Pinotage 2012

Dark red colour. Red cherries, strawberries, prunes, plums and a hint of mint add to the complexity. Clean fruity entry with good firm tannins; still young and tight but well-rounded. Good lingering aftertaste, with exceptional fruit expression.

Cottage Pie. Chicken in red wine. Vegetarian pasta.

**variety :** Merlot | 73% Merlot & 27% Pinotage

**winery :** Deetlefs Estate

**winemaker :** Ferdi Visser

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 14.2 % vol    rs : 3.1 g/l

**type :** 0

**pack :** 0    **size :** 0    **closure :** 0

**ageing :** 2-4 Years

**about the harvest:** Grapes are picked when the perfect balance between phenolic ripeness, soft fruit tannins and fruit aromas are achieved.

**in the cellar :** Modern winemaking techniques are applied to maximize freshness and the expression of fruit aromas typical to these noble varietals. Oaking is used moderately as a finishing/polishing component enabling us to produce varietal true wines.

