

## Glenelly Estate Glass Collection Merlot 2011

The Glass Collection Merlot is a deep rich coloured wine. It displays intense dark fruit aromas and spicy plums with touches of spearmint on the edge. This Merlot shows tremendous concentration, richness and generous fruit on the palate with fine but well structured and balanced tannins to embrace it all.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot  
winery : Glenelly Estate Wines  
winemaker : Luke O'Cuinneagain  
wine of origin : Simonsberg-Stellenbosch  
analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 1.5 g/l pH : 3.59 ta : 5.5 g/l  
type : Red style : Dry taste : Fruity wooded  
pack : Bottle size : 750ml closure : Cork

in the vineyard : Weather Conditions - Simonsberg, Stellenbosch

- Cool Winter ensured a good bud burst, it was 9 days early.
- Cool conditions during berry set lead to loose bunches.
- Berry size was smaller than other years.
- December was characterized by warm and dry climate
- Good analysis was achieved especially PH.
- Good wine quality.

in the cellar :

The grapes were hand sorted and lightly crushed into stainless steel fermentation tanks. They were given a cold soak for three days before allowing the natural fermentation to start. Three pump overs a day were done on the tanks during fermentation, after which they underwent extended skin contact for 2-3 weeks. The wine was placed in French oak barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation. Matured for 12 months in French oak and rack on average every four months.

### Production

3666 cases – 22,000 bottles

