

## Groote Post Merlot 2013

A wine with tremendous balance of fruit, tannin and oak. Ripe plum and mint flavours support a juicy mid palate that lingers and lingers.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Groote Post Vineyards

**winemaker :** Lukas Wentzel

**wine of origin :** Darling

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol    rs : 1.7 g/l    pH : 2.56    ta : 5.5 g/l

**type :** Red    **style :** Dry    **wooded**

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

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**in the vineyard :** Vines planted: 2001,2002

Soil: Hutton

Irrigation: Supplementary

Trellising: 5 wire extended moveable perold

Elevation: 200m

**about the harvest:** Canopy management of Merlot is critical. The crop was thinned out to one bunch per shoot and the canopies kept open. The grapes had a long ripening period.

Yield: 7t/ha

**in the cellar :** The grapes were carefully selected over the sorting table. The grapes had cold maceration for 2 days in stainless steel tanks and open tanks. The juice was pumped over and the cap punched down three times a day. The juice was left on the skins for 10 days after fermentation. Malolactic fermentation and ageing took place in 300L French Oak barrels. 20% new wood, 50% 2nd fill and 30% 3rd fill.



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