

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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