

Spier Signature Merlot 2012

Ripe red and black berries, plums and an undertow of eucalyptus and mint. This Merlot has sappy fruit, mint and soft tannins.

Perfect with a lamb casserole or a vegetarian dish.

variety : Merlot | Merlot

winery : Spier Wine Farm

winemaker : Jacques Erasmus

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13.8 % vol rs : 2.70 g/l pH : 3.34 ta : 5.60 g/l

type : Red **style :** 0 **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

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

in the vineyard :

Temperature: Winter 9/18°C; Summer 14/26°C

Annual Rainfall: 650mm

Proximity to Ocean: 20-60km

Clovelly, Hutton and Estcourt

Vineyard and Climate Conditions

Trellised vines are 14 -16 years old and planted on north-eastern slopes. The vines received supplementary irrigation and produced 10 tons per hectare.

about the harvest: Grapes were harvested at 24° Balling.

in the cellar : After harvesting the grapes were gently crushed, de-stemmed and cooled. After two days of cold soaking the juice was fermented until dry in stainless steel tanks at 24°C. Three pump-overs were conducted daily. After fermentation 20% of the wine was matured in French oak barrels for 8-10 months and the remainder matured in stainless steel tanks with French oak staves.



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