

Idiom Bordeaux Blend 2008

Elegant and complex. Full bodied blend multi clone blend of Bordeaux varieties Cabernet sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet franc and Petit verdot. Intriguing aromas of cassis, sweet liquorice and tea leaf are followed by hints of leather and cigar box leaving a well-balanced finish. A wine of great pedigree and the flagship of the Idiom range.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

winery : Idiom Wines

winemaker : Reino Thiart

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 15.0 % vol rs : 3.5 g/l pH : 3.91 ta : 6.2 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

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

ageing : Ageing Potential: 5-10 Years

in the vineyard :

Vineyard – Da Capo, Sir Lowry's Pass, Helderberg

Soils: Granite/Tukulu (decomposed granite)/Table Mountain Sandstone

Aspect: Cabernet Sauvignon – west | Merlot - south & south west | Cabernet Franc – north east & south west

Area: Cabernet Sauvignon – 5.86 | Merlot – 8 | Cabernet Franc – 2.13 | Petit Verdot – 0.4 Ha

Predominant wind: SE Summer/NW Winter

Date of planting: Cabernet Sauvignon – 2000 | Merlot – 1999 | Cabernet Franc – 2000 | Petit Verdot 2004

Clones: Cabernet Sauvignon – 46C & 1631, 15M, 169AX | Merlot – MO343 & MO12, MO181 & MO192, MO3 | Cabernet Franc – CF312T

about the harvest: Balling at picking

Cabernet Sauvignon – 26.2°B

Merlot – 25°B

Cabernet Franc – 24.9°B

Petit Verdot – 24.9°B

in the cellar :

These grapes received six days cold maceration prior to fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Fermented at between 24-28°C for 1 and a half weeks. The wine was then moved into 225 litre barrels, 45% new French oak 225 litre barrels for 14 months maturation.

Date of bottling: 8th of February 2010

