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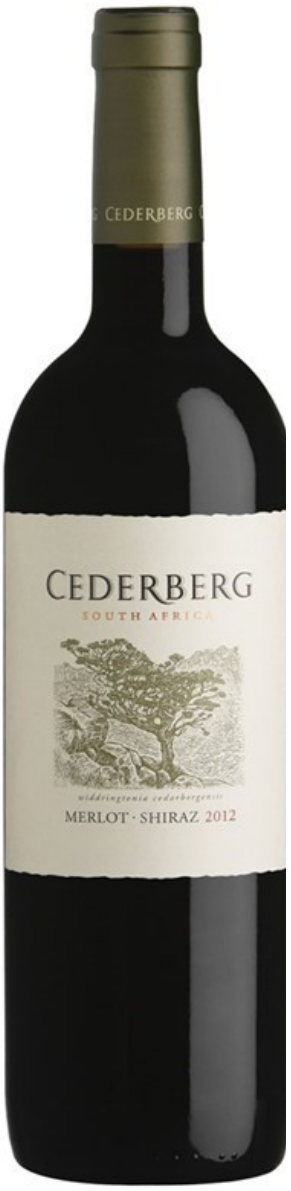
Cederberg Merlot - Shiraz 2012

A fantastic blend of 62% merlot and 38% shiraz. The wine shows anabundance of red fruit on the nose. Sweet plums and earthy blackcurrents from the merlot and a slight hint of spice from the shiraz. Awine that is very accessible and smooth with fruity flavours lingeringon the palate.

This red blend is a must with every braai, but also suited to rich game dishes.



variety : Merlot | 62% Merlot, 38% Shiraz
winery : Cederberg Cellar
winemaker : David Nieuwoudt
wine of origin : Cederberg
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 3.1 g/l **pH :** 3.50 **ta :** 5.8 g/l
type : Red
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

Platter's SA Wine Guide'15: 3.5 stars – 2012 vintage
Platter's SA Wine Guide'14: 3.5 stars – 2011 vintage
Veritas'13: Silver – 2011 vintage
Wine Spectator'13: 88 points – 2010 vintage

ageing : It is best enjoyed now and up to 4 years of age.

in the vineyard :
Facing: South
Soil Types: Glenrosa / Slate / Hutton
Age & origin of vines: 9 - 18 years, Cederberg Mountains
Trellised: 6 wire extended Perold
Irrigation: Supplementary
Clone: MO3 & SH22 on R99

about the harvest: Yield per Ha: 9t/ha
Harvest Date: 20 March - 10 April 2012
Degree Balling at Harvest: 25° Merlot; 26° Shiraz

in the cellar :
Cold soaking of each cultivar for 3 days, inoculate with yeast, pump overs every 4 – 6 hours, maximum temperature of 28ºC

Barrel maturation: Each variety barrel matured separately 3rd fill 60%, 4th fill 40% barrels, 14 months in oak, barrels used are 225ℓ medium toast, tight and medium grain oak, blending done after barrel maturation, 62% merlot, 38% shiraz

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