

## Cederberg Merlot - Shiraz 2012

A fantastic blend of 62% merlot and 38% shiraz. The wine shows an abundance of red fruit on the nose. Sweet plums and earthy blackcurrants from the merlot and a slight hint of spice from the shiraz. A wine that is very accessible and smooth with fruity flavours lingering on 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 28°C

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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