

Hagelsberg Stellenbosch Red 2014

This wooded wine is richly endowed with attractive berry and cherry flavours.

It is a palate friendly wine to enhance all occasions.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Merlot

winery : Middelvlei Wines

winemaker : Tinnie Momberg

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 14.2 % vol rs : 2.3 g/l pH : 3.61 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

The story of Hagelsberg

It was in 1679 when Simon van der Stel, then governor of the Cape, first discovered the fertile valley of Stellenbosch, which he later named after himself. His first view of one of the hills surrounding the valley was in stormy weather and he appropriately named it Hagelsberg - in Dutch "hagel" means hail. The name soon changed to Papegaaiberg, as it is still known today. The beautiful vineyards of Middelvlei stretch along the northern slopes of the same Papegaaiberg.

in the vineyard : The cabernet sauvignon grapes were derived from a four hectare vineyard , planted in 2000 at 3,704 vines per hectare, and at an altitude of 160 m above sea level. The vines, planted on a west-facing slope are trellised in order to keep the grapes cool and healthy.

The merlot vines on were planted in 2002 and cover 10ha. They were grafted on rootstock Richter 99 and are situated at an altitude of 160m above sea-level, facing southwest.

The rainfall during the winter, as well as the growing season, was average. The annual rainfall was 958mm for the 2013/2014 season compared to the long-term annual average of 700mm.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested in March 2009.

in the cellar :

In the cellar, the juice of both varietals was fermented on the skins for 4 days in open cement tanks at 26°C. The yeast used for inoculation was NT 50. The wine also underwent secondary malolactic fermentation. Before wood maturation the wine was blended in a ratio of 52% cabernet sauvignon and 48% merlot.

Bottled: June 2014

