

Spier Signature Merlot 2013

Ripe regal red. 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 | 100% Merlot

winery : Spier Wine Farm

winemaker : Jacques Erasmus

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 3.3 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 5.4 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard :

Origin

Swartland, Paarl, Overberg and Stellenbosch in Western Cape.

Terroir

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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