

## Fairview Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Bright ruby in the glass. A complex nose of blackcurrant leaf and mint, accompanied by squashed ripe black cherries. Palate is full displaying smoked dark fruits with hints of leather. Rounded by grippy tannins

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**winery :** Fairview Wines

**winemaker :** Anthony de Jager

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :**

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

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

**ageing :** Will drink well within 5 years of vintage.

**in the vineyard :** Established in 1693, Fairview cellar with its spectacular view of Table Mountain lies on the southwestern slopes of Paarl at the Cape of Good Hope. My grandfather purchased Fairview in 1937 and I am the third generation of my family to make wine here. We have vineyards in the leading coastal grape producing areas, where geographic and climatic diversity allows us to craft a range of truly distinctive wines, complemented by Fairview's range of award winning artisanal cheeses. To Life!

*Charles B*

**In the Vineyard**

The grapes came from our vineyard in Stellenbosch (trellised vineyard, using the 3 wire extended Perold system. The vineyard received supplementary drip irrigation in late January and early February.

**about the harvest:** Harvest Dates: Mid March 2011

The Stellenbosch grapes were handpicked at 25° balling.

**in the cellar :** After harvesting, grapes were destalked and crushed. A portion of the wine was then handsorted and fermented in open top fermenters.

The wine was left on the skins for extended maceration before going to barrels for malolactic fermentation and maturation. The components were blended after 16 months of aging. The wine matured in a combination of French (65%) and American (35%) oak barrel, with 30% new wood used.

