

Springfontein Estate Reserve Pink of Sopiensklip 2012

This wine has vibrant colour with attractive flavours of ripe strawberries and watermelon. On the palate it has refreshing acidity but finishes with a soft lingering aftertaste.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Springfontein Wine Estate

winemaker : Tariro Masayiti

wine of origin : Overberg

analysis : alc : 14.00 % vol rs : 3.7 g/l pH : 3.28 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Rose

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Vineyard: Altitude 15 - 50 m above sea level

Soil type: Calcified sand dunes

Rootstock: Richter 99

Age of Vines: Lower blocks Merlot planted in 1998 - Upper blocks planted in 2000

Trellising: 3 wire, vertical shoot positioning, double lengthened (Perold system)

about the harvest: Merlot grapes were harvested by hand early morning

Yield: 7ton/ha

Date of Harvest: 01/03/2012

in the cellar :

Grapes were destemmed and crushed before skin maceration at 10 degrees celcius for 8 hours. The meceration extracted just the right amount of colour and good flavours. The grapes were then pressed and the juice clarified overnight before fermentaion for 10 day in a stainless steel tank. No malolactic fermentation and no oak maturation.

Fermentation: 16° - 18° C

Bottling Date: 12/02/2013

Production: 2 297 bottles