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Steenberg Echo Red Blend 2013

The Echo's colour is deep red with a lighter, garnet red on the rim. The nose entices with mulberry, black cherry, star anise, dried origanum and spearmint. It is a fleshy wine, elegantly showcasing a juicy acidity with a delicate tannin structure that adds to the velvety structure onthe palate. Spice and earthy notes linger on the palate long after the last sip.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc
winery : Steenberg Vineyards
winemaker : JD Pretorius
wine of origin : Coastal Region
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.2 g/l **pH :** 3.64 **ta :** 5.4 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap



ageing : The Echo is showing beautifully now, and will reward cellaring for up to 10 years.

in the vineyard : Soil type: Clovelly / Oakleaf/ Avalon
Trellising: Elongated Perold
Age of vines: 11-23 years
Pruning: Spur - 2 bud
Origin: Coastal Region

about the harvest: Harvest Date: March/April 2013
Yield: 5 - 6 ton/Ha

in the cellar : The fruit for the Echo is sourced from Constantia, Darling and Stellenbosch. Each variety was fermented separately, on the skins, for 14 days. Pump overs were done three times per day to extract colour and tannin. After fermentation the wines were racked into 225L French oak barrels – a combination of 2nd and 3rd fill. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel and the wine was aged for 21 months. A light fining was done before bottling in January 2015. The Cabernet Sauvignon forms the backbone of this wine giving it a beautiful tannin structure and savoury fruits, while Merlot seduces with a velvety texture and aromas of black cherries and mint. The Cabernet Franc adds a subtle fragrance and powdery tannins to the blend.

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