

Steenberg Catharina Red 2013

The wine is full-bodied and reflects a fusion of the best red varieties at Steenberg. The nose shows aromas of ripe red fruits, dried herbs, aniseed and lavender. On the palate dried herbs, plums, cedar-wood and spice. Firm tannins give the wine backbone and will allow it to develop well in the bottle.

variety : Merlot | 62% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Shiraz

winery : Steenberg Vineyards

winemaker : JD Pretorius

wine of origin : Constantia

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.66 ta : 5.4 g/l

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

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

ageing : Cellar and enjoy over the next 5 - 8 years.

in the vineyard : Soil type Clovelly / Decomposed granite

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Age of vine: 11 - 19 years

Pruning Spur - 2 bud

Rootstock Richter 110

about the harvest:

On average the grapes were harvested at a sugar level of 23° - 25° B.

Harvest Date: March 2013

Yield: 7.6t/ha

in the cellar : Catharina is a barrel selection of the best barrels from each vintage deemed good enough to produce our top estate red. Each cultivar is vinified and aged separately in a traditional red wine making style. The juice was fermented on the skins for 15 - 20 days, allowing the temperature in the tank to peak at 30° C. Air was incorporated during pump-overs which occurred twice per day. After pressing, the wine was transferred to French oak barrels (73% new, 25% second fill and 2% third fill) for malolactic fermentation and maturation of 15 months. The wine underwent a light fining before bottling in October 2014.

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