

## Morgenster Nu Series 1 Merlot 2013

Colour: Deep dark red.

Nose: Red, black and bramble berries, classic pencil shaving, graphite, cedar.

Palate: Sumptuously smooth with enough fine tannin to broaden the palate weight and add an extra dimension to a very fruit driven experience.

Pair it with roasted lamb cutlets and greens, or a lemon and herb chicken with mielie pap and smoor.

**variety** : Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery** : Morgenster Estate

**winemaker** : Henry Kotzé

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : alc : 13.5 % vol   rs : 2.34 g/l   pH : 3.44   ta : 0.57 g/l

**type** : Red   **style** : Dry   **body** : Medium   **taste** : Fruity

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

John Platter 3½ stars

Bertrand created the NU Series so consumers can experience the exuberant fruity wine style coming from young vines in a single varietal format. Even though they were made to be enjoyed soon, they still carry the Morgenster signature with some typical traits you cannot get away from; a fruit driven experience.

**in the vineyard** : In 2007 Morgenster started its replanting strategy by uprooting close to 50% of the then 40 ha of vineyard. This was based on a 12 year history of the vineyard in line with owner Giulio Bertrand's objective of producing Morgenster flagship quality in each vineyard. The Estate now has 5.5 ha of young bearing vines of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The vines have not yet reached the maturity levels required for inclusion in Morgenster's Bordeaux blends, yet they are already showing their pedigree and presenting luscious fruit and velvety tannins.

A cold, wet winter continued after bud burst, followed by the warmest December in 48 years. Greater variation between day and night temperatures had a positive impact on grape quality during the ripening period and resulted in a good harvest.

Vineyard: Stellenbosch

Region: Helderberg Ward

**in the cellar** : Barrel matured for 12 months.

