

Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2012

This Merlot has a beautiful deep crimson hue. Unmistakable aromas of blackberries, cassis and ripe plums seduce the nose while also showing gentle whiffs of cedar. Full bodied and complex, this wine has a juicy mouth-feel, with mineral tones evident in the background. The palate is layered with plush fruit, dark chocolate and supported by firm tannins that lead to a luscious and persistent finish.

Best served with hearty dishes like Grilled T-bone with Herbed Butter, Osso Bucco or try with a Dark Chocolate Flourless Cake.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Doolhof Wine Estate

winemaker : Gielie Beukes

wine of origin : Wellington

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 3.5 g/l pH : 3.46 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

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

Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2006 Gold Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2008

Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2007 Double Gold Veritas Awards 2010

Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2008 Silver Veritas Awards 2011

Signatures of Doolhof Merlot 2008 88 points Parker Points

ageing : Enjoy now or keep up to 2020.

A classic Merlot with a velvety balance of red and black fruit and well integrated oak.

in the vineyard : From our premium vineyard.

about the harvest: From our premium vineyard. Hand picked, with bunch sorting done at the cellar.

in the cellar : After 24 hours of cold soaking, to enhance the colour, fermentation was started. Fermentation temperatures ranged between 22-26°C. Three pump-overs were done daily. The wine finished fermentation on the skins. Extended skin contact up to 14 days, produced a full wine with firm tannins yet elegant with lots of juicy fruit. The wine was aged for 14 months in 30% new and 70% second fill 225L French oak barrels. Wine was stabilized and bottled in December 2014. Enjoy now or keep up to 2020.

