

Linton Park Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

A complex wine from traditional Bush Vine vineyards. Sumptuous and filled with ripe berry flavours., Barrel matured for 12 months in new French oak and further year in 4th fill for added concentration of black fruit broad mouth feel and length.

Roast and any red meat cuts for barbeque. Best at a temperature between 16° C and 17° C

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Linton Park Wines

winemaker : JG Auret

wine of origin : Wellington

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 3.6 g/l pH : 3.50 ta : 5.6 g/l va : 0.81 g/l

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

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

The Vineyards are called De Slange Rivier (Serpent river) and was founded by French Huguenot Louis Fourie in 1699, land granted by Cape Governor Adrian Van Der Stel. 84 Hectares under vine nestling on the high slopes of the Groenberg Mountain, Wellington District with sweeping views across to Table Mountain.

in the vineyard : Cool breeze micro-climate, one of the highest vineyards in South Africa with temperatures 6°C cooler than the valley giving our grapes slow ripening. Our vines thrive on the decomposed high mineral granite Oakleaf with sub -dominant Grenrosa and Tukululo soil formations on the mountain. The blocks are carefully manipulated for high concentrated flavour with low yields. Controlled irrigation and 7 strand hedge system with moveable foliage wires. The high trellis system ensures perfect vertical shoot positioning and bunch management is done to ensure even ripe grapes. Hand harvest in February at dawn to keep grapes cool for vinification. The Merlot vines average 13 years old.

about the harvest: Hand harvesting

in the cellar : De-stemming and crushing. Maceration and controlled fermentation at 25°C during 10-14 days, in stainless steel tanks with pump overs twice a day. Pressing. Malolactic fermentation was finished 2-6 weeks after the end of alcoholic fermentation. Twelve months matured in 1st 2nd and 3rd fill Oak barrels, carefully selected French and American oak barrels to match sensory. Stabilizing Filteringbr /Bottling and labelling at the Estate. Composition: 100% Merlotbr /12 months maturation French & American Oak Barrels

