

Oldenburg Vineyards Rhodium 2013

The Oldenburg Vineyards Rhodium 2012 has a radiant, carmine colour. Blackcurrants, herbs and aromatic wood smoke mark the nose. This is followed in the mouth by ripe raspberries and caramel giving the wine a great finesse. The tannins are already accessible making the wine smooth and fleshy.

variety : Merlot | 53% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc, 7% Malbec

winery : Oldenburg Vineyards

winemaker : Simon Thompson

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.8 g/l pH : 3.54 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Herbaceous

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

2011 IWSC Silver

2010 IWC Gold

Derek Smedley MW 93

ageing :

It is multi-faceted and complex and should become even more rewarding when aged.

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in the vineyard :

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in the cellar :

Bunch and berry sorting : By hand

Crushing and destemming : Delicate processing

Pump overs : 3 times per day

Cold soak : 3 days

Wood maturation : 19 months in 300L French oak barrels, 50% new

