

Steenberg Echo Red Blend 2014

The Echo's colour is deep red with a lighter, garnet red on the rim. The nose entices with mulberry, black cherry, star anise, dried origanum and spearmint. It is a fleshy wine, elegantly showcasing a juicy acidity with a delicate tannin structure that adds to the velvety structure on the palate. Spice and earthy notes linger on the palate long after the last sip.

The Merlot forms the backbone of this wine and seduces with a velvety texture and aromas of black cherries and mint. The Cabernet Franc adds a subtle fragrance and powdery tannins to the blend, whilst the Cabernet Sauvignon contributes to the beautiful tannin structure, spice and dark fruit on the palate.

variety : Merlot | 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Steenberg Vineyards

winemaker : JD Pretorius

wine of origin : Coastal Region

analysis : alc : 13.69 % vol rs : 1.7 g/l pH : 3.60 ta : 5.2 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry

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

ageing : The Echo is showing beautifully now, and will reward cellaring for up to 7 years.

in the vineyard : Soil type: Clovelly / Oakleaf/ Avalon

Trellising: Elongated Perold

Age of vines: 13 - 25 years

Pruning: Spur - 2 bud

Origin: Coastal Region

about the harvest: Harvest Date: March/April 2014

Yield: 5 - 6 ton/Ha

in the cellar : The fruit for the Echo is sourced from Constantia, Darling and Stellenbosch. Each variety was fermented separately, on the skins, for 14 days. Pump overs were done three times per day to extract colour and tannin. After fermentation the wines were racked into 225L French oak barrels - a combination of 2nd and 3rd fill. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel and the wine was aged for 19 months. A light fining was done before bottling in October 2015.



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