

Springfield Estate The Work of Time 2012

It displays an array of aromas: dark berries, smoke, cedar, iron, tobacco, pepper and liquorice. The flavours on the palate include cherry, berry and tobacco.

Beef Steak, Lamb Chops, Roast Beef.

variety : Cabernet Franc | 33% Cabernet Franc, 33% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Petit Verdot

winery : Springfield Estate

winemaker : Abrie Bruwer

wine of origin : Robertson

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.4 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

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

ageing : 5-10 Years.

It was our desire to produce a Bordeaux Blend and so we planted the classic varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. These vines were planted on carefully selected sites and took 9 years to reach maturity. The grapes were fermented whole with native yeasts and left for 5 weeks on their skins. The wine was then barrel aged for two years followed by four years of bottle maturation. This wine, rich, classic and complex, truly is a work of time. It will age well for up to 10 years.

in the vineyard : Terroir

Slope: Very gentle, southerly

Soil: Chalk, calcareous formations

Climate: Moderate summer with low night temperatures, cold winter

Wind: South Easterly (summer)

about the harvest: Harvested at full seed ripeness.

in the cellar : Oenology: Cold macerated uncrushed in open fermenters for 10 days.

Punched through 3 times daily.

3 Weeks alcoholic fermentation. Only free run used.

100% Malolatic fermentation spontaneously in barrel.

24 Months barrel maturation in 1st and 2nd fill Sequin Moreau 300L.

4 Years bottle maturation at 14°C.

Bottling: Unfiltered, Unfined, Unstabilised

