

Le Bonheur Prima 1996

The wine has hints of mocha vanilla and mint on the nose. On the palate it has soft tannins and a pleasant, lingering plummy finish.

variety : | Blend

winery : Le Bonheur Estate

winemaker : Sakkie Kotzé

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 12.26 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.45 ta : 5.9 g/l

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : The Merlot vines were planted from 1977 to 1989 at an altitude of 200 metres above sea level.

The Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards were planted from 1973 to 1986 at altitudes ranging from 200 to 350 metres above sea level.

Climate

Normal winter conditions were experienced and the rainfall during the growing season was above average. High temperatures were experienced during the ripening season. Harvesting time was colder than normal with unexpected rainfall. The vines were irrigated once during December.

about the harvest: The Merlot grapes were picked by hand at 22 Balling to 24 Balling from February 2 to March 14. The yield was about 10 tons per hectare. The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked from March 14 to April 4. The yield was about 5 tons per hectare.

in the cellar : The Cabernet Sauvignon and the Merlot were fermented on the skins until dry over a period of 10 days. After malolactic fermentation the wine was matured in wood for 18 months - 40 percent in new wood and 60 percent in second-fill barrels.

