



IDIOM

WINES OF CHARACTER

STELLENBOSCH

CAPE BLEND 2005

CABERNET SAUVIGNON, PINOTAGE,
MERLOT

VINIFICATION

Wine maker description	A smooth rich wine made from the Cape's own grape Pinotage blended with Cabernet sauvignon and Merlot. Abundant aromas of deep red cherry fruit, sweet caramel and fragrant cigar smoke. Opulent and long lingering.	
Varieties	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Pinotage, 10% Merlot	
Origin	Wine of Origin Stellenbosch	
Vinification details	Each variety was cold soak for 24 hours and then fermented separately. After malolactic/secondary fermentation the wines were blended and placed in oak for 13 months. 25% in first fill 225L barrels, the rest in 3 rd and 4 th fill 300L barrels.	
Date of bottling	28 September 2006	
Analysis	pH 3.57 Residual sugar 3.1 g/l	Total acidity 5.49 g/l Alcohol 14.5%

PROVENANCE

Vineyard – Da Capo, Sir Lowry's Pass, Helderberg

Soils	Granite/Tukulu (decomposed granite) / Table Mountain Sandstone	
Aspect	Cab. Sauv. – West ; Pinotage – South West ; Merlot - South & South West	
Area	Cab. Sauv. – 5.86 Ha ; Pinotage – 4.5 Ha ; Merlot – 8 Ha	
Trellising	Vertical Shoot Positioning	
Irrigation	Drip	
Predominant wind	SE Summer/NW Winter	
Date of planting	Cab. Sauv – 2000 ; Pinotage – 2001 & 2002 ; Merlot – 1999	
Clones	Cab. Sauv. – 46C & 1631, 15M, 169AX ; Pinotage – PI245 & PI148A ; Merlot – MO343 & MO12, MO181 & MO192, MO3	
Balling at picking	24.5 – 25.9°B	

