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WINES OF CHARACTER

STELLENBOSCH

IMPERIUM BLACK GOLD 2011 *HAILSTORM MERLOT* *DRY RAISIN WINE*

VINIFICATION

Wine maker description	A powerful and concentrated expression made from Merlot grapes lightly raisined on the vine following a violent hailstorm before harvest. Flavours of intense blackcurrants and rich berries with the softest tannins. A tour de force.	
Varieties	100% Merlot	
Origin	Wine of Origin Stellenbosch	
Vinification details	Technique of raisining achieved by picking healthy grapes and letting them air-dried.	
Date of bottling	11 th May 2017	
Analysis	pH 3.62 5.4 g/l Residual Sugar 4.4 g/l	Total acidity Alcohol 17.27%

PROVENANCE

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

Soils	Granite/Tukulu (decomposed granite) / Table Mountain Sandstone	
Aspect	Merlot – South & South West	
Area	Merlot – 8,03 Hectares	
Trellising	Vertical Shoot Positioning	
Irrigation	Drip	
Predominant wind	SE Summer/NW Winter	
Date of planting	Merlot – 1999	
Clones	Merlot – MO343 & MO12, MO181 & MO192, MO3	
Balling at picking		

