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STELLENBOSCH

900 SERIES MERLOT 2012

VINIFICATION

Wine maker description	A complex three barrel limited release of multi-clone Merlot. A dark medium-bodied wine with redcurrants, purple fig, white pepper and sweet clove aromas. Smooth tannins compliment the blueberry and blackberry fruits. A savoury expression of this variety with a long lingering finish. Decanting recommended.	
Varieties	100% Merlot	
Origin	Wine of Origin Stellenbosch	
Vinification details	These grapes received six days cold maceration prior to fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Fermented at between 24-28°C for 1 and a half weeks. The wine was then moved into 225L barrels, 100% new French oak 225L barrels for 24 months maturation.	
Date of bottling	3rd February 2014	
Analysis	pH 3.40 Residual sugar 2.9g/l	Total acidity 6.3g/l Alcohol 14.5%

PROVENANCE

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

Soils	Granite/Tukulu (decomposed granite) / Table Mountain Sandstone
Aspect	Merlot - North West
Area	Merlot – 8.03 Hectares
Trellising	Vertical Shoot Positioning
Irrigation	Drip
Predominant wind	SE Summer/NW Winter
Date of planting	Merlot – 2000
Clones	Merlot – MO343, MO12, MO181, MO192 & MO3 on Richter 110 & Ruggeri 140
Balling at picking	Merlot – 25.3°B



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