

HELDERBERG WINERY Est. 1906 STELLENBOSCH

MERLOT 2012

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Careful selection of premium vineyards from Stellenbosch provides optimum quality fruit for the Helderberg Winery Merlot. Cold soaking prior to alcoholic fermentation ensures extraction of color and richness. Soft handling of grapes during fermentation prevents the extraction of harsh tannins and preserves the fruity profile. French oak maturation is done on a portion of the wine while the remainder stays un-oaked.

TASTING NOTES

Ripe plum and red berry aromas on the nose. Smooth soft tannins with medium weight on the palate. A well-balanced wine with integrated fruit and oak.

ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.22 %

RS: 2.4 g/L

TA: 4.8 g/L

pH: 3.62

