



2009 The Ambassador



Varietal

Merlot-80%, Cabernet Sauvignon-15% , Shiraz-5%

Region

Stellenbosch, South Africa

Vineyards

Merlot: west-facing slopes between 170 and 190m above sea level consisting of decomposed granite and loam soils.

Winemakers Notes: Christian Kuun

This flagship blend of Merlot, Cabernet and splash of Shiraz was matured for 15 months, in 1st and 2nd fill small French oak barrels. Gorgeous complex layers of ripe currants, dark berries, stewed fruit, subtle spices and mocha flavours linger endlessly onto a mint, pencil shaving and cigar-box finish. Careful oak maturation, along with silky ripe tannins and beautifully integrated acid gives this wine superb structure. This balance allows for a wine that will drink magnificently now but will also age graciously for years to come, under optimal cellaring conditions.

Pairings

This premium wine will compliment most meat dishes but will also prove glorious on its own and dark chocolate with a high cocoa content.

Analysis

Alc. 14.22, pH 3.63, RS 1.8g/l, TA 6.1g/l

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