

2011 The Ambassador



Varietal

Merlot-39%, Cabernet Franc 31%, Cabernet Sauvignon-30%

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

The classic blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, all matured for 24 months in new small French oak barrels, is Beau Joubert's flagship selection. Black currant and red cherries infuse elegantly with plum, mint and fruitcake flavours. Lingering on the back palate are subtle mint, leather and smoky pencil shaving flavours. The stern oak maturation lends firm, yet smooth, tannins and excellent structure to this wine. The intense fruit, grippy tannins and balanced acid make this extremely complex wine wonderfully accessible now but also allows for 10 years of cellaring.

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.

<u>Analysis</u> Alc. 13%, RS 3.0g/l, pH 3.55, TA 5.6g/l

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