



2012 Waterford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Cultivars: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 5% Cabernet franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Production Area: Waterford Estate, Stellenbosch

Production Quantity: 102 Barrels

Barrel Ageing 19 months, 37% new, 225L French oak barrels

Analysis: Alc 13.9% RS 2.4 g/L

TA 5.9 g/L pH 3.49

Description:

2012 providing more elegant aromatics and structure to 2011 but is still true to the Helderberg terroir showing clean earthy, cold stone tones with strong red berry fruit. The wine is elegantly structured with a typical tight and dry structure which finishes with great balance . The wine will age and develop harmoniously for 6 to 15 years.

Vintage Review:

An excellent cold winter but with less than ideal rainfall. The growing season started off rather fast with the warmer conditions and drier soils. Lack of wind and rain during flowering produced an excellent crop for the vintage. The growing season was hot and dry up until the end of harvest. Whites are rich with hints of oiliness and reds are soft textured with ripe fruit notes.