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FAIRVIEW

Established in 1693, Fairview cellar with its spectacular view of Table Mountain lies on the south western slopes of Paarl at the Cape of Good Hope. Fairview was purchased by my grandfather in 1937 and I am the third generation of my family to make wine here. We have vineyards in the leading coastal grape producing areas, where geographic and climatic diversity allows us to craft a range of truly distinctive wines, complemented by Fairview's range of award winning artisanal cheeses. To Life!

Charles Back

Fairview Stellenbosch Merlot 2013

Wine of Origin	Stellenbosch
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual sugar	2,5
Total acid	5.5
pH	3,56
Varieties	
Merlot	100%
Closure	Natural Cork

IN THE VINEYARD

This Merlot is from our farm, Houmoed, in Southern hills of Stellenbosch, some 8km from the False Bay coast. This vineyard is predominantly on gravel soils (koffieklip). The vines were planted in 2000 and are trellised on the extended Perold system.

HARVEST DATE 12-14 March 2013

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested at 25 degrees balling, destalked and gently crushed into stainless steel tanks. Pump-overs were done up to three times a day. After fermentation the wine was racked into barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was matured for 14 months in French oak barrels of which 15% was new oak.

A portion of the wine was hand sorted, fermented in an open top wooden vat and basket pressed. This handcrafted portion of Merlot adds depth and complexity to the final blend

TASTING NOTE

Ruby red colour with redcurrant, cinnamon spice and vanilla pod aromas. Medium bodied with supple tannins and berry fruit with a lingering well balance finish.

FOOD RECOMMENDATION

Enjoy with beef fillet, lamb

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