



Bernhard's wines show a fine marriage between the old and new world style.

He combines a mostly traditional, hands-on approach with the huge fruit-character and lovely soft tannins found in the Durbanville grapes.

At a time when many cellars are adding massive wood to create showy, bold wines, we can rely on our fruit for size and develop the complexity around it.

This means our wines can be elegant without being insipid, bold without being aggressive, high quality without being over-wooded.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2008

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful, inky, dark black berry fruit in elegant balance with fine tannins, hint of smokiness and ground coffee beans.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

This is the second time we have picked, albeit 6 tonnes per hectare, from this new block at the bottom of the farm. The vineyard was beautifully balanced with a vigorous canopy - which we thinned on the east side to allow morning sun in while breaking leaves out on the west side - just sufficient to allow the wind through for keeping the grapes healthy. The vineyard was green harvested (removal of un-ripe bunches half way through veraison), this encourages even ripening of the remaining bunches. As usual we watched for wonderful flavours and optimal ripeness for harvest. Because the grapes were so healthy they spent over 2 weeks in post fermentation maceration which gives intensity of flavour, full mouthfeel and rounds the wine. It also softens the palate and makes for earlier accessibility.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

YIELD: av.6-7 t/ha

WOOD: 12 months, 100% French, 40% new, 60% 2nd and 3rd fill

ALCOHOL: 13.92%

SUGAR: 2,03 g/l

ACID: 5,74 g/l

PH: 3.81

PEDIGREE

1995 DECANTER RECOMMENDED WINE; 1997 WINE OF THE MONTH CLUB BEST, CABERNET (NOV), WINE MAGAZINE 4 STAR RATING; 1998 VERITAS SILVER MEDAL, WINE MAGAZINE 3 STAR RATING; 1999 VERITAS SILVER MEDAL; 2000 GOLD MEDAL SA YOUNG WINE SHOW; 2002 MICHELANGELO SILVER; 2003 PLATTERS 4 STARS; 2006 SWISS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES WINE AWARDS BRONZE MEDAL 2008 MICHELANGELO GOLD AND BEST PRODUCER ON SHOW, VERITAS SILVER MEDAL