



Little Merlot 2009

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch

The Little Merlot 2009 is the little brother of the Bein Merlot, hence the name. It is made of fruit from the moderately vigorous parts of our vineyard, carefully handpicked at optimal ripeness and meticulously sorted in the field. In the cellar, it is vinified with the same care and style like our flagship wine and matured for one year in third and fourth fill barrels from top French cooperages. Complemented with 10% Cab. Sauvignon and gently fined and filtered, it was hand-bottled on the estate in May 2010.

The Little Merlot emphasizes the fruity side of this variety, convincing with red-berry flavours and a silky texture. It is generally less tannic and earlier accessible than the Bein Merlot, though we still see it as a very serious wine, well able to mature for another 2-3 years after release.

Serving suggestion: This wine is ideally served at 18°C and shows its best sides as companion to a meal. With its attractive berry flavours and its juicy texture, it sits well on any table, from vegetarian to richly sauced beef.

Rating: John Platter's (2010): 3 ½ stars

Production: 5'050 bottles

Analysis: Alc 14,3 %Vol
RS 3,6 g/L
TA 5.2 g/L
pH 3.7

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